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Dec. 12—tf

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All work warranted. Jan 4—tf

Select Poetry.

DECEMBER.

Out in the woods the lonely trees
Toss and moan in the winter wind,
For the birds have flown far o'er the seas,
And they are left behind.

Bare and cold in the twilight dun,
They pine for the light of summer eves,
When the golden rays of the setting sun
Shone through their golden leaves.

Far away o'er the purple hills
The moon is climbing to the skies,
And a faint gleam over the water thrills,
Where her trembling radiance lies.

The flowers are dead and the birds are flown,
And the wind blows cold from the chilly sea,
And I think of the days that are dead and gone,
That will never come back to me.

But the flowers will bloom again in spring,
And the birds fly home from over the seas,
And, nestled in sweet green leaves will sing
All day to the happy trees.

And somewhere, deep in this heart of mine,
Under the sorrow, and car eand pain,
Waiting for April suns to shine,
For April clouds to rain,

Lies a little Hope, like a violet,
Ready to bloom with the other flowers;
And over the grave of my old regret
Springs a dream of brighter hours.

Popular Tales.

THE BABES IN THE CLOUDS.

A TRUE STORY.

Just ten years ago there suddenly burst upon the Western World, a magnificent stranger from foreign parts, "with all his travelling glories on." It was the great comet of 1858, on the grand tour of the universe.

We remember that comet-summer, not so much for its great astronomical event, as for two singular incidents that more nearly touched our human sympathies, which will grovel in poor earthly affairs, even within sight of the most august celestial phenomena.

One pleasant Saturday afternoon during the comet's appearance, an æronaut, after a prosperous voyage, descended upon a farm in the neighborhood of a large market town in one of the western states. He was soon surrounded by a curious troop of the farmer's family and laborers, all asking eager questions about the voyage and the management of the balloon, that, secured by an anchor and a rope in the hand of the æronaut, with its car but a foot or two above the ground, was swaying lazily backward and forward in the evening air. It was a good deal out of wind, and was a sleepy and innocent monster in the eyes of the farmer, who, with the owner's permission, led it up to his house, where, as he said, he could hitch it to his fence. But before he thus secured it his three children, aged respectively ten, eight, and three, begged him to lift them "into that big basket," that they might "sit on those pretty red cushions."

While the attention of the æronaut was diverted by more curious questioners from a neighboring farm, this rash father lifted his darlings one by one into the car. Chubby little Johnny proved the "ounce too much" for the aerial camel, and brought him to the ground; and then, unluckily, not the baby, but the eldest hope of the family was lifted out. The relief was too great for the monster. The volatile creature's spirits rose at once; he jerked his halter out of the farmer's hand, and with a wild bound mounted into the air. Vain was the æronaut's anchor. It caught a moment in a fence, but it tore away, and was off, dangling uselessly after the runaway balloon, which so swiftly and steadily rose that in a few minutes those two little white faces peering over the edge of the car grew indistinct, and those piteous cries of "papa!" and "mamma!" grew faint and fainter up in the air.

When distance and twilight mists had swallowed up voices and faces, and nothing could be seen but the dark cruel shape sailing triumphantly away with its precious booty, like an aerial privateer, the poor father sank down helpless and speechless; but the mother, frantic with grief, still stretched out yearning arms towards the inexorable heavens, and called wildly up into the unanswering void.

The æronaut strove to console the wretched parents with assurance that the balloon would descend within thirty miles of the town, and that all might be well with the children, provided it did not come down in the water or deep woods. In the event of its decending in a favorable spot, it was thought that the older child might step out, leaving the younger in the balloon. Then it might again rise and continue its voyage.

"Ah, no," replied the mother, "Jennie would never stir from the car without Johnny in her arms."

The balloon passed directly over the market town, and the children, seeing many people in the streets, stretched out their hands and called loudly for help. But the villagers, though they saw the bright little heads, heard no call.

Amazed at this strange apparation, they might have thought the translated little creatures small angel navigators on some voyage of discovery, some little cherubic venture of their own, as heading towards the rosy cloudlands and purple islands of sunset splendor, they sailed deeper and deeper into the West, and faded away.

Some company they had, the poor little sky-waifs. Something comforted them and allayed their wild terrors—something whispered them that below the night and clouds was home; that above was God; that wherever they might drift or clash, living or dead, they would still be in His domain and under His care—that though borne away among the stars they could not be lost, for His love would follow them.

When the sunlight all went away and the great comet came blazing out, little Johnny was apprehensive that the comet might come too near their airy craft, and set it on fire with a whisk of its dreadful tail. But when his sister assured him that the fiery dragon was "as much as twenty miles away," and that God wouldn't let him hurt them, he was tranquilized, but soon after said, "I wish he would come a little nearer, so I could warm myself, I'm so cold!"

Then Jennie took off her apron and wrapped it about the child, saying tenderly: "This is all sister has to make you warm, darling, but she'll hug you close in her arms, and we will say our prayers and you shall go to sleep."

"Why, how can I say my prayers before I have my supper?" asked little Johnny.

"Sister hasn't any supper for you, or for herself, but we must pray all the harder," solemnly responded Jennie.

So the two baby-wanderers, alone in the wide heavens, unawed by darkness, immensity and silence, by the presence of the great comet and the millions of unpitying stars, lifted their little clasp-hands and sobbed out their sorrowful "Our Father," and then that quaint little supplementary prayer:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If, I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

"There! God heard that, easy; for we are close to him up here," said innocent little Johnny.

Doubtless Divine Love stooped to hear the little ones, and folded them in perfect peace—for soon the younger, sitting on the bottom of the car, with his head leaning against his sister's knee, slept as soundly as though he were lying in his own little bed at home, while the elder watched quietly through the long hours, and the car floated gently on in the still night air, till it began to sway and rock on the fresh morning wind.

Who can imagine that simple little child's thoughts, speculations and wild imaginings, while watching through those hours? She may have feared coming in collision with a meteor—for many were abroad that night, scouts and heraids of the great comet—or perhaps being cast away on some desolate star island; or more dreary still, floating and floating on, night and day, till they should both die of cold and hunger. Poor babes in the clouds!

At length a happy change, or Providence—we will say Providence—guided the little girl's wandering hand to a cord connected with the valve Something told her to pull it. At once the balloon began to sink, slowly and gently, as though let down by tender hands; or as though some celestial pilot guided it through the wild currents of air, not letting it drop into a lake or river, lofty wood, or impenetrable swamp, where this strange, unchildlike experience might have been closed by a death of unspeakable horror, but causing it to descend as softly as a bird alights on a spot where human care and pity awaited it.

The sun had not yet risen, but the morning twilight had come, when the little girl, looking over the edge of the car, saw the dear old earth coming nearer—"rising towards them," she said. But when the car stopped, to her great disappointment, it was not on the ground, but caught fast in the topmost branches of a tree. Yet she saw they were near a house whence help might soon come, so she awakened her brother and told him the good news, and together they watched and waited for deliverance, hugging each other for joy and warmth, for they were cold.

Farmer Burton, who lived in a lonely house on the edge of his own private prairie, was a famous sleeper in general, but on this particular occasion he awoke before the dawn, and, although he turned and turned again, he could sleep no more. So at last he said to his good wife, whom he had kindly awakened to inform her of his unaccountable insomnolence: "It's no use; I'll get up and dress myself, and have a look at the comet."

The next that worthy woman heard from her wakeful spouse was a hasty summons to the door. It seems that no sooner did he step forth from the door of his house than his eyes fell on a strange, portentous shape hanging in a large pear tree about twenty yards distant. He could see no likeness in it to any thing earthly, and he had fancied it might be the comet, who having put out his light had gone down there to perch. In his fright and perplexity he did what every wise man would do in a like extremity—he called upon his valiant wife. Reinforced by her, he drew near the tree, cautiously reconnoitering. Surely never pear tree bore such fruit before.

Suddenly there descended from the thing a plaintive, trembling little voice: "Please take us down; we are very cold."

Then a second little voice said: "And hungry too; please take us down."

"Why, who are you? And where are you from?"

The first little voice said: "We are Mr. Harwood's little boy and girl, and we are lost in a balloon"

The second little voice said: "It is us, and we runned away with a balloon.—Please take us down."

Dimly comprehending the situation, the farmer getting hold of a dangling rope, succeeded in pulling down the balloon.

He at first pulled out little Johnny, who ran rapidly a few yards towards the house, then turned round and stood for a few moments curiously surveying the balloon. The faithful little sister was so chilled and exhausted that she had to be carried into the house, where, trembling and sobbing, she told the wonderful story.

Before sunrise a mounted messenger was dispatched to the Harwood house with glad tidings of great joy. He reached it in the afternoon, and a few hours later the children themselves arrived in state, with banners and music, and conveyed in a covered hay wagon and four.

Joy-bells were rung in the neighboring town, and in the farmer's brown house the happiest family on the continent thanked God that night.

Visit to the Sewers of Paris.

A woman who signs herself E. D. W. is writing her "Experiences in Europe" for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. In a late letter she describes as follows, a visit to the celebrated sewers of Paris:

"Yesterday, the fifth of November, was the day appointed by the chief of the sewerage department for our party to enter the subterranean vaults of Paris, so interesting to the readers of Les Miserables. The ticket of notification informed us that we must be at the Place de la Madeline, on the side of Boulevard Malesherbes, at one and a quarter o'clock precisely. Arriving, we found about twenty-four persons assembled around a temporary railing of iron that enclosed the opening to the sewers, two iron doors that lay flat on the pavement just like our covers over the gas and water pipes in the streets of Philada'.

The doors opened, a narrow spiral stairway was disclosed, and a ray of light from a lamp far down the dismal entrance rather increased the gloom than any attractions the place might have. However, when the chief, dressed in government uniform, with the title of his office in gilt letters placed conspicuously on his hat, gave the signal, we started, single file, and in a moment were nearly blinded by a glare of light from rows of kerosene lamps in the hands of men who were to conduct us through the sewers. At the foot of about twenty-five steps, two large boats were in waiting for us, and when my sight became manageble, that was at first dazzled by the swinging lights reflected upon the water, the boat rocking as each one stepped on the side, I tried to realize that I was not entering a death barge on the Styx, or a hearse gondola on the Via Mora, or the funeral canal of Venice by night. Who would imagine a sewer, through which the dish-water of Paris was carried, could be converted into a canal twelve feet broad, a foot-path on either side of solid stone, where two persons could pass each other, a vaulted roof, along which water and gas pipes, two feet in diameter, were conducted, and telegraph wires were held.

From the center of the arch large lamps were suspended every ten or twelve feet. Our party having seated themselves in two boats, there were twenty men in blue bonnets, and wooden sabots ready to seize the ropes when the command "*avancez*," was given. Presently a faint sound of a horn was heard that grew louder as it was caught up and echoed from every angle of the sewers. Our chief gave a shrill whistle, and the men started on a trot. On the sides of the walls small white porcelain plates were inserted bearing in black letters the dates and heights of risings of waters at different periods, some of them considerably above our heads, and suggestive of the horrors escaped by Jean Valijean, at the Place de la Bastile, at the time of the French revolution. The names of the streets under which we passed and the corners of the cross streets were marked, so we could tell exactly our direction. Runaing down the main sewer of the Rue Royal to the Place de la Concorde, we found—what do you suppose?—a train of cars, waiting for us! Six of the prettiest little cars I ever saw. They consisted of six platforms, about eight feet square, with brass railings, seats cushioned with red leather, no top to the cars; and on each corner of the cars a brass lamp, with grained glass globes, formed a bright and beautful finish to this fairy-like conveyance.

The sewer was narrower here and the wheels of the cars ran on brass rails laid on the edges of the foot-paths. Each car had an iron handle back and front, with a brass cross-piece like those on our hose carriages at home. When the cars started, four men pulling and pushing each down the grade of the Rivoli vault, the long vista of the illuminated vault, the regular clack of the sabots on the stone walk, water splashing into the side entrances either on stone steps to break the force, or inverted arches to prevent splashing of the main canal, the speed of our human locomotives, the expression of delight and wonder on the faces of our party, strongly thrown out by the four foot-lights on each car—all was so strange, and half pleasing, half frightful that, like the rest, I waited to see what the end would be. After trotting a mile and a half we were suddenly landed at a large iron gate, and so intense was the light there that I went back to my first theory, and concluded that we were at the face of Dante's Inferno. We had arrived at the Place du Chatelet, and the light was the sun of noonday, on the white embankment of the Seine, and opposite the two tall towers of the Palaise de Justice, inviting to come and see that we were in a world of reality, that there the beautiful Marie Antoinette suffered the tortures of imprisonment, and from there was released by death alone.

Wit and Humor.

A Queer Hymn Book.

A good joke is told of a preacher in Nebraska, who had dined with a friend just before afternoon services. As it happened, this friend occasionally luxuriated in a smile of the ardent, and sometimes carried a morocco covered flask in his overcoat pocket.

By mistake, the minister took the friend's overcoat for his own on his departure, and walking into the pulpit began the exercises without doffing the garment, it being rather chilly in the room.

Looking very ministerially over his congregation from behind his spectacles, he began drawing from his pocket, as he supposed his hymn book, with the introductory remark that the congregation would sing from a particular page which he selected beforehand.

The minister held the supposed book up in full sight of the congregation, and attempted to open it sideways, but it was no go.

The situation was realized in a moment, but alas! too late.

His reverence was dumbfounded, the whole scene was made ludicrous by a fellow in the back part of the congregation, who drawled out:

"Say, Mister, can't we all jine in that ar' hymn?"

In New York there is a lad proverbial as being a bad speller. The school that he attends has among its many rules and regulations one that requires the scholars to spell a column in the dictionary, and give the meanings, just as the school opens; well this lad was foot of the class. The next day the first word was admittance. The lad was walking around sight-seeing, when his eye fell upon a circus bill, which, among other inducements to draw a crowd, had "admittance twenty-five cents—niggers and children half-price." He spelled the word, and reccollecting it was the first in his to-morrow's lesson, learned it "by heart." Next day, strange to say, the head boy missed, and the next, and the next, and so on, until it came to our particular friend, who was in the mean time all excitement with the hope of getting head, being sanguine that he was right. Here's the result:

Teacher.—Boy at the foot spell admittance.

Boy.—Ad-mit-tance, admittance.

Teacher.—Give the definition.

Boy.—Twenty-five cents—niggers and children half-price.

Rockhill & Wilson, at the Great Brown Stone Clothing Hall, 603 and 605, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, have a poetaster, to sing of the excellence of their Clothing; and he sometimes sings of other themes. Remembering that the inner man needs a lining, as well as the outer man a covering, he thinks there is no material better suited to the purpose than buckwheat cakes. Hear him:

Buckwheat Cakes.

Hark! Hark! Hark!
'Tis the sound of the breakfast bell;
The tinkle we love so well!
For it tells of the cakes
Which Biddy bakes,
Of elegant buckwheat flour.
And we hurry to eat
Such a luscious treat,
Fit for a King to devour.
The griddle she's greasin',
The cakes are in season—
The savory odor's bewitching.
They're crisp and they're brown,
And we swallow them down,
As fast as they come from the kitchen.
Oh! happy are we,
As soon as we see
The smoking hot buckwheat cakes,
Right hot from the fire,
And we truly desire,
To eat them as fast as she bakes.

COULDN'T SUBSCRIBE.—A pair of those entertaining ladies, who seem to carry on so large a business in the way of procuring subscriptions for new works, so sweetly un-get-rid-a-ble, called a short time since at the office of a young lawyer for the purpose of getting him to subscribe.

"Indeed ladies," said he, "the partnership of which I am an humble member has lately been so imprudent as to issue a new work of their own, which, in consequence of the enormous expense, attending its illustration, embellishments, &c. has completely crippled us."

"Then perhaps," replied the fair canvassers, "we could procure you some subscribers. What do you call your work.

"Well, we have not fully determined as yet; but I guess I'll let my wife have her own way, and call it after me—Charles Henry."

A BOY'S COMPOSITION.—Master Shrimp has favored the public with another composition which bears evidence of merit. He will some day make a logician, if he perseveres:

Ma is my mother. I am her son. Ma's name is Mrs. Shrimp; she is the wife of Mr. Shrimp, and Mr. Shrimp is her husband. Pa is my father. My name is John George Washington Shrimp. Therefore, pa's name is Shrimp too; and so is ma's.

My ma has a ma. She is my grandma. She is mother-in-law to my pa. My pa says mother-in-laws ought to be vetoed. I like my grandma batter than pa does. She brings me ten cent stamps and novivars. She don't bring any to pa. Maybe that's why he don't like her.

A Texan negro was overheard making an honorable apology to another in this wise: "I jes said, Sambo, dat you lied; dat is, I jes said dat you lied. Den, Jim told me you said you'd kill me, an' I said if you killed me I'd kill you." The explanation was satisfactory.

Silence of the Arctic Night.

In his new work, "The Open Polar Sea," Dr. Hayes thus describes the fearful solitude and stillness of the Arctic night:

"I have gone out in the Arctic night, and viewed nature under varied aspects. I have rejoiced with her in her strength and communed with her in repose. I have seen the wild burst of her anger, have watched her sportive play, and have beheld her robed in silence. I have walked abroad in darkness when the winds were roaring through the hills and crashing over the plain. I have strolled along the beach when the only sound that broke the stillness was the only dull creaking of ice-tables, as they rose and fell lazily with the tide. I have wandered far out on the frozen sea, and listened to the voice of the icebergs bewailing their imprisonment; along the glacier, where forms and falls the avalanche; upon the hill-top, where the drifting snow, coursing over the rocks, sang its plaintive song; and again I have wandered away to some distant valley where all these sounds were hushed, and the air was still and solemn as the tomb.

"And it is here that the Arctic night is most impressive, where its wonders are unloosed to sport and play with the mind's vain imaginings. The heavens above and the earth beneath reveal only an endless and fathomless quiet. There is no where around me any evidence of life or motion. I stand alone in the midst of the mighty hills. The tall cliffs climb upward, and are lost in the gray vaults of the skies. The dark cliffs standing against their slopes of white, are the steps of a vast amphitheatre. The mind finding no rest on their bold summits wanders into space. The moon weary with her long vigils, sinks to her repose; the Pleiades no longer breathe their sweet influence. Cassiopea, Andromede, and Orion, and all the infinite host of unnumbered constellations fail to muse one spark of joy into this dead atmosphere. They have lost their tenderness, and are cold and pulseless. The eye leaves them and returns to the earth, and the trembling ear awaits something that will break the oppressive silence. But no footfall of living thing reaches it, no wild beast howls through the solitude. There is no cry of birds to enliven the scene; no tree among whose branches the wind can sigh and moan. The pulsations of my own heart alone are heard in the great void; and as the blood courses through the sensitive organization of the ear, I am oppressed as with discordant sounds. Silence has ceased to be negative. It has become endowed with positive attributes. I seem to hear and see and feel it. It stands forth as a frightful spectre, filling the mind with overpowering consciousness of universal death—proclaiming the end of all things and heralding the everlasting future. Its presence is unendurable. I spring from the rock upon which I was seated, I plant my feet heavily on the snow to banish its presence and the sound rolls through the night and drives away the phantom. I have seen no expression on the face of nature so filled with terror as the silence of an Arctic night."

The Islands of Pyramid Lake, Utah.

A gentleman who has visited Pyramid Lake, and explored several of its islands at the season of laying and incubation for the myriads of gulls, ducks, pelicans, and other waterfowl that swarm upon its water, states that at that time the larger islands are literally white with eggs. In walking from the shore toward the centre of the islands it is impossible to proceed fifty feet without stepping upon some of the eggs, so thickly are they strewn over the ground. The fowls inhabiting the islands are described as being exceedingly tame; they hover and flutter upon the ground about the intruder upon their breeding ground, or circle and stream about his head, and with but little show of fear. This absence of fear of man is doubtless to be attributed to the fact that until lately that "feathered biped," man, has never been seen by them upon their islands.—Owing to certain superstitious notions held by them in regard to the lake, the Indians have never, in the memory of their oldest chief, visited any of the islands. Even were they not withheld by the fear of monsters in the lake and upon the islands, they have no boats or canoes, and know nothing even of that rudest of nautical arts—raft navigation.

Among the islands of the lake are two small, rocky ones, near to each other, and at no great distance from the shore from the fact that they are alive with rattlesnakes. Huge and lazy old patriarchs of the islands, with long strings of rattles upon their tails, bask in the shade of almost every stone, while younger and more active members of the tribe glide about in all directions, and the intruder upon these islands of snakes is often treated to a serenade by a dozen sets of rattles of various degrees of power and shades of tone. Of course neither whites or Indians would care to tarry long on these islands, nor to cultivate more than a passing acquaintance with their musical inhabitants.

It is supposed that the reason of these two islands being so completely alive and crawling with snakes, is that a few having gotten on their shores by some accident, and finding convenient dens in the rocks, they have ever since fed and fattened upon the eggs and unfledged young of the brooding water fowl, and have gone on increasing and multiplying, with nothing to decrease or disturb them.

Improvements in Delaware.

Rev. J. H. Lightburn, of Dover, writes to the St. Michael's Come as follows:

The importance of railroads to the growth and development of a country meets with the fullest demonstration in those towns, and that part of the country in Delaware, which lie on and are contiguous to the railroad which passes through the State. I will give a brief sketch of the growth of some of the towns, and the development and enhanced value of the lands lying upon and near the Delaware railroad. This sketch shall be mostly from personal observation.

In 1851 I visited, what was then known as the village of Middletown. It consisted of a few small houses. A village in England is distinguished from a town by the want of a market. Whether Middletown could boast of so important an institution as a market-house then, I am not able to say, but this I do know, that the houses composing the village were indeed "few and far between." Middletown is now one of the most thriving towns south of Wilmington. Its long rows of neat, and substantially built houses, and the enterprise and wide-awake spirit of its business men, cannot fail to arrest attention, and command respect. The land surrounding Middletown, which could have been bought in 1851 for a mere nominal price, is now some of the richest, best cultivated, most productive and valuable land in the State. It abounds in peach orchards, and all kinds of fruits, and is one of the most beautiful districts of country to be seen anywhere. In 1833, 2800 acres of land near here sold for $2600. This tract is now divided into six farms. Mr. Fenimore who owns one of these farms, netted in two consecutive years' crop of peaches $48,000. Mr. James V. Moore sold recently a farm of 150 acres, about three miles from Middletown, for $30,000, and the purchaser was offered an advance of $2,000 a short time after. Mr. Reybold's peach-orchard is said in the last three years to have netted about $300,000. Most of these lands, before the railroad was projected, were regarded poor, were overgrown with sassafras bushes, and were sold at mere nominal prices.

Two and a half miles south of Dover is the village of Wyoming. The village has almost entirely been built up in the last three years. It contains 40 or 50 houses, one of the neatest and largest academies on the peninsula, a well-kept hotel, two stores, doing a fine business; blacksmith and wheelwright shops, a large grist mill adjoining the village, and promises soon to take its stand among "the family of towns."

The town of Felton is situated on the line of the railroad about eight miles below Wyoming. Less than ten years ago I was at Felton station. There were two small houses, and an equally small depot. It is now a town of no little importance, with regularly laid out streets, which are well filled with neat and comfortable dwellings. There is now, nearing completion, the largest and most beautiful Seminary building that I have seen any where on the peninsula. There are two fine churches. The Methodist Church there is a station. Felton is a self-sustaining station, which cannot be said of Cambridge, Easton, St. Michaels, Denton, Greensborough, &c. All honor to the noble, enterprising and liberal Feltonians. In ten years this town has risen up as by the enchanter's wand, and has already outstripped some of the oldest inland towns.

Dover, the capital of the State, promises to become the metropolis of the peninsula. It is in the midst of the finest fruit-growing region of Delaware. There is a magnificent stretch of country from Dover to the bay. Dover already possesses the reputation of producing the best, and shipping the largest quantity of peaches of any place in the State, or in the United States. The town is situated on the railroad, and on high dry land. It is very healthy, and the most beautiful and most desirable, as a place of residence, of all the towns within the range of my knowledge. Its growth is extraordinary. In 1850 it had a population of about 600, it now has about 2500. During the past six months, about twenty houses have been built. On the street in which I live, and within a space less than two squares, dwellings have been put up in the last few months costing not less than $30,000. The spirit of improvement is still rife, and I hear of extensive arrangements for building in the coming Spring.

There is no town in Delaware that is any distance from the railroad that is not *in statu quo*, or nearly so. It is to the railroad that Delaware owes her growth and improvement.

FLORIDA.—A letter to a Baltimore paper, from Monticello, says:—I am persuaded that a brighter day must soon dawn upon Florida. Things must be at their worst. Negroes in the Legislature; in many cases of the State, a negro running for Congress, another as Secretary of State, the Governor and Lieut. Governor each claiming to be Governor, and money hardly circulating at all because of the repeated failures in the cotton crop—surely we are at the bottom, and will rise now.

We have a beautiful country, and a delightful climate, a fertile soil, a ready access by railroad and water to market, and a wide range of productions. Wheat does not succeed well here; but we can raise corn, rye, oats, sugar cane, tobacco, sweet and Irish potatoes, cotton, besides fruits of almost all kinds. The orange, lemon, peach, grape, and pomegranate grow finely and many garden vegetables are raised for market. Land is very cheap, and plenty for sale.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1868.

CONSISTENCY.

Consistency is a jewel more rare than any which are embedded in the mines of Ind, or which glitter upon the coronets of royalty. So rare, indeed, that it is seldom found, though we delve and dig far down into the acts and deeds of men in private life; and more seldom still, if we extend our search into public life. Let us illustrate: A few years ago, there was a political organization in this country, secret and oath-bound, known as the Know Nothing party. The main pillar in that party superstructure was the restriction of the elective franchise to native-born citizens, discriminating, as far as they could, in the distribution of office, against all foreign-born citizens and Catholics. In the mutations of parties, these same men now constitute what is known as the Radical party, whose chief distinguishing tenet is "universal manhood suffrage," embracing even the ebony-hued unlettered freedmen of the South,—the very reverse of what they held to be essential for the good of the country, when organized as the Know Nothing party. Then, suffrage could not well be too much restricted. It was necessary that men should be able to read and understand the Constitution and the laws; and Massachusetts, foremost in all "progress" and all good works, made it obligatory upon her citizens to be able to read her constitution before they could exercise the right of suffrage. Now, however, even the unlettered and semi-barbarous descendants of Ham, must be clothed upon with this ægis of freedom, this palladium of the rights of man! "Consistency thou art a jewel." Could inconsistency farther go?

"A False Balance is an Abomination."—The latest sensation in New York, is that produced by the New York World, which recently employed an agent to go around among the retail grocers and buy small quantities of sugar, coffee, tea, tapioca, sago, molasses, &c. and then carefully reweigh them, and report the result. In nearly all cases both weight and measure fell short. The facts, with the names of the dealers, have all been published in the World, and a great commotion has been stirred up among the retailers.

The Chicago Tribune takes up the subject, and refers to it thus:

A despatch from New York says:—A startling *expose* is made of frauds perpetrated by short weights and adulterations here. A daily publishes the names of many prominent houses from which its report is made, of purchases of groceries, meats, fish, flour, etc. and gives result of weighing packages—nearly all short in weight. The paper estimates the yearly consumption of the city at one hundred and sixty-four millions of dollars, and the cheatings by dishonest tradesmen fifteen per cent. or twenty-four millions!

As startling an expose may be made in proportion to population in Chicago as in New York. If the retail middlemen of that city cheat their customers twenty-four millions per annum, the same class of dealers in Chicago take six millions out of the people of this city. All middlemen do not thus cheat by false weights, false measures, and adulturations; but the number who do practice these frauds is perfectly frightful to contemplate. Fifteen per cent is the average amount of short-weight swindling by New York grocers.

In accordance with the time-honored custom in all well regulated newspaper offices, our Carrier will wait upon his patrons, on New Year's Morning, with an admirably written original New Year's Address. He begs to say, that however much he may have to trudge through rain, and snow, and sleet, in his weekly rounds to serve the Transcript to its readers, the duty will be most cheerfully performed, satisfied as he is, that he will meet with that kindly remembrance and liberality on that day, for which the people of Middletown and vicinity have always been distinguished. He tenders to each of his patrons the greeting of a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and trusts that

When their cup o'erflows with joy
They'll not forget their carrier boy

Between twenty-five and twenty-six million dollars in gold will be paid out from the Treasury Department on the 1st of January as semi-annual interest on that portion of the public debt on which interest falls due at that time. This is the largest sum ever paid out as interest at any time.

A bill will be presented to Congress, in a short time, limiting the use of the franking privilege by members of Congress to the time of actual session. Some reform should be perfected. The present abuse of the franking privilege is scandalous.

The Union Pacific Railroad has reached its nine hundred and sixtieth mile. Thus link by link the chain is forged which will fasten the Old World to the car of the young giant of the West, and when finished it will be one of the most stupendous monopolies in the world.

THE TRANSCRIPT FOR 1869.

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The present issue closes the first volume and the first year of the Middletown Transcript. Its circulation has steadily increased from the first issue until now. Its publisher, relying upon the intelligence and public spirit of this community, started the enterprise here just one year ago, satisfied that it could not fail to meet a liberal support. He has not been disappointed. And now, in order to widen and extend its field of labor and usefulness, he offers the following liberal inducements to such of the friends of this journal as may have the time and inclination to compete for the following Premiums:

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Ice Pitcher, Water do. and Goblet	20.00	50 100
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Chased Ice Pitcher,	12.00	28 56
Chased Cake Basket,	10.00	25 50
Chad Butter Dish,	8.00	20 40
Pair of Chased Salt Stands,	5.00	15 30
Cake Knife,	4.00	12 24
Fish Knife,	3.75	10 20
Half Dozen Tea Spoons,	3.00	8 16

☞Cash to be paid in advance in each case.

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Peterson's Magazine for January is already out; the most brilliant we have ever seen. The superb Colored Berlin Pattern alone is worth twice the price of the Number. Then there are two Steel Engravings, one of them, "Mud Pies," with the cunningest little children: a double Colored Steel Fashion Plate; and more than fifty Wood-cuts of Fashions, Embroideries and other Patterns. The stories are of the highest class. "Perfidious Planchette," is the well-timed title of one. Mrs. Ann S. Stephens' new novelet, opens in a most masterly manner. The author of "Margeret Howth," has also a powerful tale. We do not see how any lady can do without "Peterson." *Now is the time to subscribe for* 1869! Terms $2.00 a year. To clubs, four copies for $6.00, with a premium engraving, "The Star of Bethlehem," to the person getting up the club, or eight copies for $12,00, with both the engraving and an extra copy for premiums. Specimens sent gratis to persons getting up clubs. Address Chas. J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

An election will be held in Florida, on the 29th instant, for a Representative to the Forty-first Congress, ten State Senators and five Representatives. These legislative elections are to fill vacancies caused by death and disqualification—the Governor declaring some seats vacant because of the holding of other offices by the members. We understand that it is possible that the Democrats may obtain control of the Senate by the filling of these vancies. General William D. Barnes is the Democratic candidate for Congress. Hamilton, the present Representative, and a negro, William U. Saunders, are the Radical candidates.

The Negro Suffrage Amendment.—The *Wash. Express* says: The negro suffrage amendment is not likely to pass Congress. A canvass of the House, by some of its supporters, shows that it will not get a majority vote—to say nothing of the required two-thirds. The proposed amendment is pending before the Judiciary Committee of both Houses, and that of the Senate is expected to report adversely to it, and at an early day. Among those who oppose the amendment are some of Grant's strongest supporters.

Pensioning Judges.—Senator Wilson's bill "relating to judges" provides that any judge of the Supreme Court may, after having attained the age of seventy years, resign, and thereafter while he lives receive the same salary as when in active service at the date of his resignation. This is an attempt to introduce the pension system, or what is equivalent thereto, into the civil, or rather the judicial, service of the country.

Hearth and Home is the title of a new weekly journal published in New York by Pettengill, Bates & Co. 37 Park Row, a copy of which we have received. The editors are Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel) and Harriet Beecher Stowe, with Joseph B. Lyman and Mary E. Dodge as associate editors. The table of contents is pleasing and varied, the illustrations are good, and the journal altogether presents a neat and handsome appearance.

Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, has a bill before the House to prevent the holding of civil offices by military officers, and to prevent the holding of more than one office at a time. This is an excellent bill, and ought to become a law.

Northern Investment in the South.—It is stated that Senator Sprague of Rhode Island, has purchased a very valuable island on the Georgia coast, near the mouth of St. Mary's river, and also near Fernandina, Florida. It contains an area of nine thousand acres, and is extremely fertile. It is encouraging, remarks the Richmond Dispatch, to see Northern capitalists taking an interest of this kind in the South.

The great wooden-screw monopolist is well able to buy his thousands of acres of cheap southern land, made all the cheaper by a policy which so suddenly broke up their labor system, and threw their lands into market at merely nominal prices. Northern men, with a keen eye to their own interests, taking advantage of Southern necessities, are speculating in their lands, at prices ruinous to their former owners. The rich savannas of the South will pay back the Northern capital invested in them, in some instances, an hundred fold. Land is selling all through the South at prices out of all proportion to its value, and far below the current prices in other sections. In many instances it is sold from its impoverished owners to pay the taxes, and hungry land pikes are not wanting, to seize it with the utmost voracity. Announcements like the one which follows, frequently meet the eye, and go to show that stern necessity alone prompts these extraordinary sacrifices in the Southern States:—"Sixteen thousand acres of mineral land in Crawford county, Missouri, were last week knocked off at 6½ cents per acre."

Recess of Congress.—Both houses of Congress on Monday adjourned over to the 5th of January next. The session of the last two weeks has resulted in nothing of a practical character, only a few private bills having been passed, though some important measures have been introduced, especially as to finances.

Senator Morton has brought in a bill for the erection of a new White House. The present one is deemed insufficient by some people, who care not to retrench the public expenditures.

The Lady's Friend, for January, is upon our Table. It is one of the best magazines published, $2 per annum, Deacon & Peterson, publishers, Philadelphia.

An English Lavender Field.—There is one sight in old England that is pleasant beyond measure, and that is a lavender field; it pleases from its intrinsic beauty. The lovely color of its flowers all the silk dyers are trying to "match," but can't exactly hit on the shade. Then its fragrance—ah! how inimitable, as the sprays wave with the breeze. In this little island no less than about 270 acres of its precious land is devoted to lavender farming. Each acre yields say 6,200 pounds of flowers. Each hundred pounds of flowers give up, by distillation, about one pound of the otto of lavender; and thus we learn that there is an average production of 17,000 pounds of lavender otto annually. It requires six ounces of this to make a gallon of lavender water, so that Britannia and her children and customers use 45,000 gallons of this favorite spirit. The lavender farms of England are situated at Mitcham in Surrey, and at Hitchen in Hertfordshire. The lavender, when in blossom, is resorted to by all the bee for miles around. The sound of their hum in such vast numbers is quite enchanting; nor do the butterflies neglect visiting so luxurious a feast a taste of which appears to be particularly grateful to them. The bees' love for lavender is so excessive that, at the harvest time, as the sprays fall before the sickle and are tied up in sheaves, they will follow it even at a sacrifice of life, into the boiling still.

Three Children Frozen to Death.—We learn from a gentleman just returned from Bloomington, that a family consisting of the parents and three children, the eldest about fourteen years of age, living about eight miles from the above named city, started, in a wagon, on Friday last, for that place, to take the cars. As it was extremely cold, the children were put down in the bottom of the wagon in some straw, and wrapped up in a buffalo robe, the parents thinking they would thus ride comfortably. Nothing was heard from them until they arrived at Bloomington, but when uncovered, they were found to be frozen to death. They had thus passed away without a struggle, and while the parents were pleasing themselves that they were warm and comfortable, death came and bore away the angel spirits, leaving nothing but the cold and stiffened bodies. Sadly the bereaved ones returned to their home, bearing the lifeless bodies of their children, who, but a few hours before had been full of life and enjoyment.

Jefferson Davis and Others.—A petition is in circulation for the pardon of Jefferson Davis and all others under indictment or presentment for having been engaged in the rebellion. Thus far, we believe, it has only been signed by democratic members of Congress; but there are a great many others who would be very glad to see an end put to this dismal farce of trying to impose on the public by pretending to wish to try Davis or anybody else in this matter. It is time the curtain had fallen.—*N. Y. Times, rep.*

Ira Collins is the owner of a farm in Sonoma county, California, which had suffered seriously from drouth. Only by digging a very deep well a supply of water hardly sufficient for the use of the family could be obtained. Since the earthquake, however, the water has risen to the top of the well, and some sixty acres of land on the farm will have to be ditched and drained before crops can be put in.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Liquor Consumed in Delaware.—According to the report of Revenue Commissioner Wells in his report to Congress, the amount paid for liquor consumed in this State, during the year 1867, was three millions seven hundred and seventy thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars. This was the amount sworn to by retailers who paid tax on their sales over the counter. On one-fourth of the liquor sold there was probably no return made. This would make according to the census, about $22 for every man, woman and child in the State, or about $160 for each man. At this rate, men in Delaware spend considerably more for liquor than they do for rent. The whole amount of liquor sold at retail in the United States, according to the same authority, was $1,483,491,865. In other words, the liquor sold in the United States, in one year and a half, according to these returns, would, within a fraction, pay the National debt. And as there is a great deal sold of which no return is made, the probabilities are that there is enough liquor sold in the United States annually to pay all our indebtedness.—*Delawarean.*

Prize Fight in Maryland.—A brutal prize fight came off on Wednesday morning last, in the woods of John Stump, Esq. near the P. W. & B. R. R. about one mile north of Perryville, in Cecil county, Maryland, between two professional pugilists, Abe Hickey and Pete Maguire.

The fight commenced shortly after 9 o'clock. A large crowd gathered to see the encounter. Five rounds only were fought. On the fifth round a heavy blow from Hickey broke Maguire's jaw, disabling the latter and giving Hickey the fight. The crowd then went north.

This has been a stirring week in Middletown; streets full of vehicles; weather cold; everybody in a hurry; stores crowded; business lively; corn rushing in; not half cars enough to get it to market; railroad roundly rated; poultry plenty; Christmas times, and good cheer abundant.

To-morrow is the Festival of St. John, the Evangelist. Rev J. C. McCabe, D. D. will preach a sermon on the occasion, before Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. A. M. in the Lodge Room, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The public are respectfully invited.

Contract Given Up.—The Kent Railroad is not the only one in trouble. It is stated that the sub-contractors on the Wilmington and Brandywine Railroad, together with their employees, have abandoned their work near Coatesville.

The Roads.—On Monday and Tuesday the roads were thawed through and almost impassible. Jack Frost piked and McAdamized them again on Wednesday, since which traveling has improved, though somewhat rough.

Canal Navigation.—Public notice is given in the Philadelphia Ledger that the Chesapeake and Delaware canal is now open for navigation to steamers and vessels, and will remain open the entire winter.

Those of our citizens who did not fill their ice houses during the late cold weather, had better not let the present opportunity slip. It is not always that you can get clear transparent ice, free from snow, as now.

The teachers of the public schools of Chesapeake City, Misses Biddle and McKinsey, have organized an educational society, to meet weekly.

Try the patent metalic elastic Halo Lamp Shades, on sale at the store of John A. Reynolds & Sons.

The State Educational Convention will meet in the State House, Dover, on Monday, December 28th, 1868.

On the 4th of August last an International Commercial Convention assembled at Portland, Maine, and the proceedings have just been published in pamphlet form. The delegates to that assembly embraced many of the most distinguished business men of this country and the Canadian dominions, and the interesting subjects of the establishment of free trade upon the continent of North America, and the enlargement of the facilities of transportation by means of railways and canals, regardless of political boundaries, were presented in all their varied forms and with the local surroundings of each section and division of the continent. The principal measures discussed belong to the statesmanship of this period of improvement, when the wave of population sweeps with irresistible force over the entire extent of this continent, and the means for uniting the various sections of the country, by commercial ligaments, so as to secure a unity of all interests, becomes a matter of the highest consideration. While men are clamoring for the chains to be removed from the limbs of humanity, let them also free trade, commerce and industry from the bondage which the few have imposed upon them.—*Age.*

Terrible Accident.—On Saturday evening as Mr. George Brady was returning from Washington City, with his team, in some way or other he fell from his seat, and his feet became entangled in or about the hounds of the wagon. It is thought that the fall broke his neck; the horses became frightened and dashed off at full speed. He was by himself at the time, and when his body was taken up from the middle of the road, about a half mile from the District line toward the city, it was found most horribly mangled. From his hips to his neck he was a mass of gashes and bruises; his teeth knocked out, one of his arms torn out of the socket, and by the friction his skin seemed charred. Mr Brady was a tenant of Mr. Robert Clagett and a most excellent citizen. His death is one of the saddest things that happened in our county for some time. He leaves a widow and some four or five children.—*Marlboro' Gazette.*

An Imposter.—A young man named Price, hailing from Kent county, Md. has been arrested in Richmond, Va. for representing himself to be Judge Joseph A. Wickes, of Chestertown, and thereby enabled to obtain privileges whereby he committed fraud upon the hotel keepers and others.

Population of the United States.

We have received from Hon. Alexander Delmar the annual report, dated November 18, 1868, of the bureau of statistics to the Secretary of the Treasury. We find in it interesting statements both of our population and foreign commerce, besides many other valuable facts. It gives the following as the results of the census of the population of the United States which was obtained by the bureau during the year 1867, in accordance with the practice instituted in the year 1866. The results have been obtained by means of inquiries instituted through the internal revenue organization, the jurisdiction of whose numerous officers covers the entire area of the country. The population for 1867 is put down as follows:

Six New England States, 3,480,397 whites, 30,701 colored—3,511,098 total; five Middle States, 9,072,647 whites, 352,469 colored—9,425,116 total; thirteen Southern States, 6,764,928 whites, 3,884,532 colored—10,649,460 total; thirteen Western and Pacific States, 12,356,081 whites, 311,493 colored—12,667,574 total; nine Territories, 435,774 whites, 54,176 colored—489,950 total. Total United States, 32,109,827 whites; colored 4,633,371—total, 36,743,198.

This is an increase from the total population of 1866 of 2,237,376, and a total increase since 1860 of 5,298,118. The total colored population (slave and free) in the Southern States in 1860 is set down in this report at 3,890,027, and in 1867, 3,884,532, a falling off of 5,505. In consulting the census of the United States, however, we find that it gives the number of colored persons (slaves and free) in the Southern States in 1860 at 4,435,709, and if this is correct the falling off of the colored population of the Southern States since 1860 shows the large aggregate of 551,177.

During the ten years from 1850 to 1860 their increase was 796,947, and every previous decade for seventy years had shown a steady and large increase. The total population, white and black, of the Southern States has increased from 10,259,017 in 1860 to 10,649,460 in 1867. The white population has increased in the South since 1860, 395,948, so that the numerical losses of the war in that section are more than compensated. Whilst, however, this is a slight gain, notwithstanding the losses of the war, it will be sufficient, in order to estimate what a check to her progress in population in the South has received, to remember that the actual gain of the whole population in the fifteen slaveholding States from 1850 to 1860 was 2,627,000.

The value of total domestic exports from the United States during the twelve months ending June 30th, 1868, was $454,188,590. Of these breadstuffs were valued at $68,784,348, cotton, $152,782,810, gold and silver $83,746,161. The total reexports were $22,195,438. Value of total import entries $373,409,418.

The tonnage of American and foreign vessels which entered and cleared at each collection district of the United States from and to foreign countries during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1868, was: Entered, American, tonnage, 3,550,550; foreign 4,495,465—total 8,046,015; Cleared, American, 3,717,956; foreign, 4,561,060—total 8,279,016.

Freak of a Somnambulist.—A somewhat singular freak of somnambulist has just been related to us. A gentleman living in the Seventh Ward, one morning missed some money which he had in a drawer, and although strict search was made, no clue to the missing cash could be found. The money was taken from a drawer which was kept locked and the key in the gentleman's pocket. The drawer had been opened, the money taken out, the drawer locked and the key returned to the gentleman's pocket. The affair was involved in mystery, which was not removed the next day, when a set of silver spoons was missed. The servants were suspected, and as a knowledge that the articles had been missed had been kept from them, it was determined to keep a watch the next night. Everything about the house remained quiet until about two o'clock, when a noise was heard. The person who was on the watch peered cautiously through the hall whence came the sounds of footsteps, and saw approaching, the gentleman of the house. He went to the cupboard with stealthy steps, took therefrom a quantity of silver plate and started for the back yard, closely followed by the watchman, who at once suspected the truth of the case. The sleep-walker proceeded cautiously to the woodshed, and covered the plate carefully in a barrel of ashes, and started back to his house. He was awoke by the watchman, and was greatly bewildered. The matter was explained and search at once instituted among the ashes for the missing property. The search was rewarded by the discovery of the plate, spoons and greenbacks, safely secreted among the ashes, where they had been deposited by the gentleman who had been unconsciously guilty of robbing himself.—*Milwaukie Sentinel.*

Buffaloes on the Plains.—A gentleman just from the plains informs the New York Times that buffaloes are at this time to be found in immense herds. At a distance of two hundred and fifty miles west of the Missouri river, on the Kansas Pacific road, he passed through a herd covering a surface of five hundred square miles, and containing probably over a million buffaloes. The number of dead buffaloes lying on the line of the road, shot by passengers as the cars go along, is very great, and the informant says there is enough meat lying there at this time, easy of transportation, to feed all the poor people in America.

Wild Game in Virginia.—Wild game, such as deer, turkeys, &c. are very plenty in our mountains and ridges. More deer have been sent to eastern markets from this place than ever before in any one season. One individual residing on the "Lockner place," near Big Mountain, some twelve miles south of this place, brought in nine deer and a bear on Monday last.—*Romney Intelligencer.*

Newark, N. J. has two velocipede manufactories.

Letter from St. Georges.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

St. Georges, Dec. 22, 1868.

Dear Transcript:—Nothing uncommon has transpired here since I last wrote to you. The people here are beginning to catch the Rail Road fever, and there is strong probability of the Rail Road from Delaware City to Parksburg, Pa. being graded this winter to the latter place, where it will intersect the Pennsylvania Central. The great advantage of this road is claimed to be, that it will bring cheap coal and lime. No doubt but this road will be an advantage to this State, but it is questionable whether a Rail Road will pay that has to depend on freight all one way, as the back freight on this road must of necessity be very light.

The new tobacco factory on the south side of the Canal is ready, at last, for operations. I understand they commenced work this morning. It gives employment to a great many hands that would otherwise remain idle until the opening of Spring.

Our citizens have organized a debating society here. Last night was the first night of debate. Mr. Benjamin Davis is President of the Association, James Lyle Vice President, Wm. P. Huggins, Secretary, and Joseph Heisel, Treasurer. The question under discussion last night was: "*Is Conscience a true moral guide?*" The principal debaters on the affirmative were M. C. Harvey, F. S. McWhorter, and James Lyle, who made a good argument, and showed that they were equal to the occasion. The negative was supported in the main by R. P. Tauresey, C. H. McWhorter, and William P. Huggins. The decision was given to the negative, not on the merits of the question but of the argument.

The Canal is in full operation, the Philadelphia and Baltimore steam packets are making their regular trips, and I suppose will continue to do so until old Boreas lays another embargo on them. P.

A Hymenial Romance.—At Columbia, Tenn. on Friday last a marriage was solemnized with which is connected a singularly romantic story. The bride, who belongs to one of the most aristocratic families of Maury county, married, not long before the war broke out, a gentleman who was, it is said, more the choice of her family and friends than her own. Two years afterwards she procured a divorce and was united to a gentleman who was spoken of as her "first love." About a year ago the second husband met with an accident which caused his death. Friday she was again married to her first husband after a legal separation of seven or eight years.

Items of News.

General Early, in a letter to the Richmond Dispatch, states that there is no truth in the statement made by Mr. Pollard, that General Stonewall Jackson once recommended a night attack to be made by assailants stripped naked and armed with bowie knives.

General Sheridan thinks the Indians are tired of war, and that the Government is mistaken in supplying them with provisions on the supposition of necessity. The whole country is literally covered with game.

Velocipedes are so common in Paris, and used so much evenings, that a recent police edict compels the riders to affix a lamp to them, in consequence of the accidents that have happened from their use.

Some seventy-five of the leaders of the late insurrection in Cadiz have been arrested, and will be submitted to trial by court-martial. The extreme penalty of death is not to be imposed it is said.

Two pickpockets were caught in the act on a train of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, near Humboldt, Monday evening, and taken by the passengers and citizens at the station and hanged to a tree.

The colored men of Western Pennsylvania have called a convention at Pittsburg, on the 28th inst. to initiate a strong and determined movement to gain the elective franchise.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, aged 107 years, died in Norfolk county, Va. on Friday last. She has lived within 25 miles of Norfolk, and never came to town in her life.

Six thousand troops have been sent from Spain to reinforce the army in Cuba, up to the present time. The Government announces that it will never abandon a colony of Spain.

The elections for the Cortes in Madrid passed off with but little disturbance. All the monarchial candidates were elected. The Republicans carried Seville and Barcelona.

The City of Providence R. I. with a population of 60,00 has taxable property amounting to $92,726,000, and a tax this year of $1,112,712.

Lady Thorne and George Wilkes are matched to trot in June next for the largest stake ever contested for in this country—$10,000.

Some of the railways of Europe have lately adopted a system of low fares, and their profits are reported to be greatly increased.

The "loyal" negro militia are committing great outrages in Arkansas—burning, shooting and robbing with impunity.

A special envoy from the United States is daily expected to arrive in Madrid to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba.

The eruption of Mount Etna has subsided, and it has shown but little signs of activity for the past two days.

The first sewing machine was made by a German named Madersberger, of Vienna, in the year 1815.

A one thousand dollar cipher dispatch was sent by the British Minister the other day to his government.

A Macon (Ga.) editor was presented with ripe strawberries and a watermelon last week.

The pews in Dr. Hall's church, Fifth avenue, New York, sold for from $1,000 to $4,000 each.

General Stoneman has issued an order extending the stay law in Virginia to July 1st, 1869.

A nephew of Sir Walter Scott, old and infirm, lives on charity at Montreal.

The Richmond (Va.) Journal prints twelve columns of bankrupt notices.

More reinforcements have arrived at Havana from Spain. Bayamo is now held by a few men only, nearly all the insurrectionists being in the field. They still continue in the neighborhood of Manzanilla. Rumors have reached Havana of an engagement between the troops and insurgents in the vicinities of Holquin, Santiago de Cuba and Bayamo. The New York *Herald's* Havana letter of the 12th says it is a fact that a gigantic insurrection exists throughout the Island of Cuba, and that it is supported or countenanced by the great mass of the native population. The ultimate success of a movement to make Cuba free and independent is now considered by the best informed and unprejudiced persons as not improbable.

MARRIED.

In Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 22d inst. by Rev. J. H. Alday, Mr. Thomas A. Servison, of Kent Co. Md. and Miss Sallie A. Turner, daughter of the late Thomas Turner of New Castle, Del.

In Philadelphia, at Trinity M. E. Parsonage, Dec. 8th, by Rev Richard W. Humphries, William M. Brice of Philadelphia, and Miss Martha Dyre, of Kent county Md.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

Wheat, prime red	$1 90
Corn yellow, New	75
" white "	70
Oats	40@50
Timothy Seed	4 25
Clover Seed	9 00
Eggs	30@35 cts ₰ doz
Butter	40@45 cts. ₰ lb
Chickens (Dressed)	01@12 " "
Ducks	14@15 " "
Geese	11@12½ " "
Turkeys	14@15 " "
Lard	17@19 " "
Hogs	10@11 " "
Beef	18@20 " "
Hams	20@23 " "
Sides	17@19 " "
Shoulders	14@16. " "
Potatoes	80@90 ₰bushel.

PHILADELPHIA.

Prime red wheat	$1 90@2 05
Corn, new yellow	80@ 92
Oats	74@76

WILMINGTON.

Wheat red	$1 90@2 10
Corn, New	93c.
Oats	90
Flour	$8 75@13 00

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Coughs and Colds.—At the present time when so many persons are suffering from Throat and Lung Diseases, they should bear in mind that Hasson's Compound Syrup of Tar never fails in curing Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Pain in the Breast, Sore Throat, Asthma and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It is an excellent remedy for Croup and Hooping Cough. No family should be without it. Sold in Middletown, at Dr. W. H. Barr's Drug Store, for 50 cents a bottle. Russell and Landis, Proprietors Philadelphia.
Dec. 12...3mos.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the utmost success, by J. Isaacs, M. D. and Professor of Disease of the Eye and Ear, in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 12 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland,) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

PUBLIC SALE,
OF STOCK, FARMING UTENSILS,
Household and Kitchen Furniture.

THE Subscriber will sell at public sale, at his residence on the "Levels," Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle county, Delaware, on

Thursday, January 14, 1869, *at* 10 *o'oclock, A. M.*

The following property to wit:

2 Good Work Horses & 4 Good Mules,

1 of the Horses is a good driver, 2 young Milch Cows, 3 years old; 5 Beef Cows, 1 Heifer, 18 months old; 5 last Spring's Calves, 3 Farm Wagons, one with iron axle, with Peach Body and springs, one with wood riggings; 2 sets of Wagon Harness, 3 sets Plow Gear, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, McCormick Reaper & Mower (self raker) Pennock Hand Corn Sheller, Wheel Barrow, Carriage Tongue, 2 York Carriages and Harness; Sleigh and Bells, Buffalo Robe, Horse Blankets, Double-barrel Shot Gun, Bridle and Saddle, Collars, Ox Yoke, Cross-cut Saw, Grind Stone, Cradles, Scythes, Half Bushel, 2000 lbs of Pork, 5 tons of Timothy Hay.

Beds, Bedsteads, Chairs Tables, Looking Glasses, Carpets, Stoves, Dishes, &c. &c.

TERMS.—The Beef Cows and Pork, and all sums of $20 and under, cash. All sums between $20 and $50, six months credit. All sums over $50, twelve months credit. Credit payments to be secured by bankable notes, with approved endorsers, stamps and interest added.

THOS. H. ROTHWELL.

P. S.—Also will sell at private sale a FARM containing 192 ACRES. Terms easy. The Farm will be for rent if not sold by the 25th of March, 1869. Apply to T. H. R.

Republican and Tribune copy till day of sale, and send bill to advertiser.
Dec. 26th—ts

PUBLIC SALE,
OF
A Very Desirable Residence in Middletown.

THE Subscriber will sell at public sale on the premises, on

Saturday, January 2*d*, 1869, *at* 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

his residence situated on Cass street; nearly new, convenient and pleasant, containing TWELVE ROOMS, and warmed by a furnace. There is a good Stable, Carriage House, &c.

The LOT is Ninety feet front by Two Hundred and Fifty feet deep, running back to Scott street, and well supplied with Standard and Dwarf Pear Trees, Apple, Peach, Plum, Apricott, Cherry and Quince Trees, also Grapes, Raspberries, and Strawberries.

S. B. KELLY,
Dec. 26—2t Middletown, Del.

FOR RENT.

THE STORE HOUSE in Middletown, on the corner of Main and Broad streets, long occupied by Lockwood & Tatman, and now by Chas. Tatman, Jr. This is one of the best business stands in the town. Possession given on the 25th of March next. For terms, &c, apply to

RICHARD LOCKWOOD,
Per MARY R. LOCKWOOD,
Dec. 26—1m On the premises.

LOST.

ON Saturday evening, 19th inst. at the New Castle Station, a BROWN FUR CAPE. A suitable Reward will be given to any one returning it by Express to J. H. Rogers, New Castle, Delaware, or leaving it at the office of this paper.
Dec. 26—3t

FOR SALE.

A ONE OR TWO-HORSE PELTON HORSE POWER. Apply to James Culbertson, Middletown, Del. or to R. McKEE.
Dec. 26—2w

The Middletown Transcript

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY,
BY HENRY VANDERFORD.

☞ Office corner Main and Scott streets, over D. L. Dunning's Book and Variety Store.

TERMS.—$2.00 per annum, *payable in advance.* Single copies five cents.

ADVERTISING RATES.—One square of ten lines, $1 for the first insertion and 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. One square one year $10; six months $6. For a quarter of a column three months $8; six monhts $15; one year, with the privilege of four changes, $25; for half a column $50. Fractions of a square to be counted as a square. When the number of insertions is not marked, advertisements will be continued until forbid, and charged accordingly. Obituaries published at advertising rates; Marriages and Deaths inserted free. Yearly advertisers must confine their advertisements to their own business. ☞ All letters should be address ed to THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, Middletown, Del.

Masonic Fair and Festival,

IN THE WIGWAM,

AT CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD.

Commencing Monday, Dec. 21st, 1868, and Continuing to Jan. 2d, 1869.

THE following articles will be disposed of by vote and chance, during the Fair:

One Piano, valued at $800; 1 Silver Tea-Set, Two splendid Afghans, valued at $200; 1 set of Double-Harness, valued at $200; 1 set of Single Harness, valued at $80; 1 Ladies's Gold Watch and Chain, valued at $80; 1 Ladies's Gold Watch and Chain, valued at $140; 2 Sewing Machines, valued at $50; 1 Gentlemen's Saddle and Bridle, valued at $50; 1 Ladies' Saddle and Bridle, valued at $50; 1 pair of handsome Wolf Robes, each valued at $60; 1 Sleigh, valued at $75; one Wood's Mower, valued at $150; also, Buffalo Robes, Horse Blankets, &c. &c.

The following articles—part of which are embraced in the above—will be drawn in one grand scheme af 600 chances, which will be sold for one Dollar each, viz:

1 Mowing Machine (Wood's)	valued at	$150 00
1 Ladies' Gold Hunting-Case Watch	do.	100 00
1 Wolf Robe,	do.	60 00
1 Set Single Harnes (gold mountings)	do.	80 00
1 Ladies Saddle	do.	40 00
1 Afghan	do.	30 00
1 Buffalo Robe	do.	20 00
1 Bridle and Martingale	do.	10 00
1 Gold Watch Chain (genuine)	do.	40 00
1 Counterpane	do.	7 50
1 Set Stone China	do.	10 00
1 Large Silver-Plated Castor	do.	10 00
1 Counterpane	do.	7 50
1 Child's Sled	do.	5 00
1 Set Glass Ware	do.	6 00
1 Box Cigars	do.	4 00
1 " "	do.	4 00
1 " "	do.	4 00
1 Glass Pitcher	do.	2 50
1 Carriage Whip	do.	2 50
1 " "	do.	4 00
1 Pair of Gents' Arctic Shoes	do.	3 00
1 " " " "		
		$600 00

Supper will be furnished every evening from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock. Supper tickets 50 cents.

By order of
Dec 19, 1868—2t COMMITTEE.

CHRISTMAS NICK NACKS,

Just in Time.

DEAKYNE'S CONFECTIONERY is brim full of every thing nice for the Holidays.

He has just received a fresh supply of

CANDIES, Plain and French Mixed,

Rasins, Prunes Currants,
Dates, Figs, Citron,
Cocoa Nuts, Oranges, Lemons,
Apples, White Grapes, Almonds,
English Walnuts, Pea Nuts,
Cranberries, Hominy, Mince Meat,

CANNED FRUIT, &C. &C.

A great variety of

CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Cakes furnished for Parties and Weddings.

☞ Don't forget to give him a call ☜
Dec. 19—4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of sundry Writs of Venditioni Exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale,

At the Residence of Thomas R. Hopkins, in St. Georges Hundred.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE,

On Thursday, Dec. 31, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following described Personal Property, viz: 7 Horses, 6 Cows, 1 Heifer, 1 yoke of Oxen, 1 Mill Wagon, 1 Ox Cart, 2 wagons, 4 ploughs, 3 Cultivators, 1 York Wagon, 9 sets Carriage and Plow Harness, &c. Beds, Bedsteads, and Bedding, 1 Book Case, Chairs, Tables, Stoves, and other Household Furniture; Wheat, Corn, and Oats, &c. Seized and taken into execution as the property of Thomas R. Hopkins, and to be sold by

JACOB RICHARDSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, New Castle, Dec. 17, A. D. 1868.
December 19—ts

FOR RENT.

A PRODUCTIVE FARM,

NEAR WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA,

CONTAINING 350 ACRES of Arable Land. There is on it a very fine House, &c. This Property will be leased, on liberal terms, for several years. For particulars, call promptly on
Dec. 19-3t JAMES B. GROOME, Elkton, Md

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

WE have just received a fine Variety of Goods for the Holidays, consisting of

RAISINS,
PRUNES,
CURRANTS,
FIGS,
CRANBERRIES, BUCKWHEAT, &C.

Also, Fancy Articles for the Ladies, such as

CLOTH SACKS, KNIT SACKS,
HOODS, SHAWLS, &C.

Which we are selling at reduced prices.
S. R. STEPHENS & CO
Dec. 12—4t Middletown, Del.

NOTICE.

THE Annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Georges and Appoquinimink Hundreds, will be held at the Company's office, in Odessa, on the first Monday, the 4th day of January next, at which time an election for Seven Directors, to serve the ensuing year, will be held.

A year's Interest on the Deposit Notes will be due at the same time. CHAS. TATMAN,
Dec. 10th, 1868.—4t Secretary.

FOR RENT.

THE Cottage on Green Lawn Farm, near Middletown. Possession given at any time.
Dec. 19-4t* Apply to WM. BRADY.

FOR SALE.

FIVE THOUSAND WHITE OAK POSTS.
Apply to
JAMES P. ROTHWELL,
Nov. 28—3t* Near Middletown, Del.

WINTER GOODS!! WINTER GOODS!!!

WE would respectfully announce to our customers and the public generally that we are now opening one of the largest and

Best Selected Assortments of

WINTER GOODS,

Ever before brought to this market, consisting in part as follows:

HEAVY MOSCOW & CANTON BEAVER,
HEAVY FROSTED BEAVER,
BLACK ENGLISH and FRENCH DOESKIN CASSIMERES
FANCY and SILK MIXED CASSMERES,
MALLALIEW'S, MURPHY'S, AND DEAN'S HEAVY KERSEYS.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS

In great veriety, Such as

Fine Plaid, Plain, and Fig'd Poplins,
Black and Colored Alpacas,
Wool Delains—all colors,
French Merinoes—all colors
Calicoes, from 6 to 12½ cts.
Brown and Bleached Muslins from 8 to 20 cts,

A large assortment of

Ladies' Single and Double Shawls,

From $2 00 to $8 00. Zephyr and Wool Hoods
Breakfast Shawls, Children's Sacks, &c.

LADIES' HOSIERY, GLOVES, &c.

in great variety.

Men's Buck Gloves, Mitts, Gauntletts, Driving Gloves, &c. A large stock of

MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Ball and Brogans,

Made expressly for winter: selected from the best manufactories in the city; bought at the very lowest cash prices, and will be sold at a very small advance.

Having a large stock of goods to dispose of between now and the 1st of January next, we propose to offer to our Cash Trade special inducements. Give us a call and you will be convinced that money can be saved by buying for cash at

SCOWDRICK & MOORE'S
Nov. 21—y Middletown, Del.

DELAWARE

Mutual Life Insurance Company,
Wilmington, Del.

PAID IN CAPITAL, $100,000.00.

JOHN P. McLEAR, President,
GEO. W. STONE, Vice President,
M. M. CHILD, Secretary

DIRECTORS.

John P. McLear,	Samuel Brancroft, jr.
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Geo. W. Bush,	Jno. V. Rice,
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This Company offers unusual advantages to those who desire to avail themselves of the benefits of Life Insurance. Examine the following reasons:

1st.—It is a *Home Company*, and has adopted every plan of Life Insurance that is safe and just.
2d.—It's risks are selected with the utmost care and skill.
3rd.—It is a *purely* mutual Company.
4th.—It offers new features of Loans, original to itself.
5th.—It is the most economically managed Company represented in the Peninsula.
6th. Its excess of funds will be loaned out only to the members of the Company, thus giving them the use of the money at once.
7th.—It will loan its members money for a short time.
8th.—Its rates are from 25 to 30 per ct. *lower than any Mutual Company in Existence.*
9th.—Its policies are non-forfeitable after the first payment.
10th.—It will issue risks from $25 to $10,000.
11th.—It insures railroad Employees and hazardous occupations without extra addition to the premiums.
12th.—It combines Reliability, Low Rates, Economy, Safety, and all advantages that are to be derived from Life Insurance.
13th.—It has no notes hanging over the policies, and demands no interest money in advance; nor does it ask an extortional Cash premium.
14th.—It is within the power of the poorest man as well as the millionaire to protect his wife and family from want, by taking a policy in this Company.

First Class Reliable men are wanted in every locality to act as agents for the Company. Applicants will address the subscriber, with references. J. THOMAS BUDD.
Middletown, Delaware,
Agent for Delaware and Eastern Shore Md.

Send for Circulars setting forth fully the plan and operations of the Company.

Approved. GEO. W. STONE,
Vice President.
Sept. 12—tf

NEW GOODS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
NOW OPENING AT
JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS.
Middletown, Del.

Ladies and Misses' Fashionable Hoods
BALMORAL & HOOP SKIRTS,
THOMPSONS' GLOVE FITTING CORSETS
EXCELSIOR AND FRENCH CORSETS,
GENTS AND YOUTHS'
Undershirts and Drawers,
BUCK DRIVING-GAUNTLETS,
MENS BUCK GLOVES & MITTS,
BOYS BUCK GLOVES & MITTS,
Ladies and Gents' Arctic Overshoes.
CLOTH AND RUBBER OVERSHOES,
CHILDREN'S & MISSES' OVERSHOES,
MEN & BOYS' RUBBER BOOTS
GENT'S & YOUTH'S BLACK ALPINE HATS
Furred & Cassimere Caps &c.
A LARGE STOCK OF DRIED FRUITS,
Consisting of
NEW LAYER RAISINS,
NEW DRIED CURRANTS,
NEW DRIED CITRON,
NEW DRIED PRUNES
NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
PREPARED COCOANUT,
MIXED PICKLES, CHOW-CHOW,
WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE,
CANNED TOMATOES, &C.

Besides a full stock of all kinds of Goods usually kept in a first class store, which will be sold very low. Please call and examine.

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS.
Dec. 5, 1868—tf

COAL OIL. COAL OIL.

THE ☞ SAFEST, ☜ ☞ Best, ☜ and ☞ CHEAPEST OIL, ☜ for Illuminating surposes in the market.

WE GUARANTEE IT

TO BE

☞ ALL THAT IS REPRESENTED, ☜

AND

At Less Cost to Dealers,

☞ *THAN CAN BE PURCHASED* ☜

In this or the Philadelphia Market.

GIVE US A CALL.

Thompson & Co.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in COAL OIL,
LARD SPERM WHALE OILS,
S. W. Corner of 2d and Market Streets
WILMINGTON, Del.

The Persian Healing Soap, will positively remove Pimples on the Face. Cure Tetter, Salt Rheum, and all diseases of the scalp and Skin. Price 25 cents. Try it.

Ladies if you want a fair Skin and beautiful complexion, use the Persian Healing or Pine Tar Soap. It is guarranteed to do what is claimed for it. Price 25 cents per cake.

For the bath and toilet nothing is better than the Persian Healing Soap. Price 25 cents.
G. B. THOMPSON,
Sole Agent for the State.
Sold by Druggists and Grocers.
August 22—tf.

CHEAP DRY GOODS.

Andrew E. Crow & Co

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Middletown and surrounding country that they have commenced the Dry Goods Business at

207 Market St. Wilmington, Del.

where they intend to keep a large and well selected stock of FOREIGN & DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, such as

Merinoes, Poplins, Alpacas & Coburgs,

BOTH BLACK AND COLORED.

We would call special attention to our stock of

Table and Shirting Linens,

BLEACHED AND
UNBLEACHED MUSLINS,
CALICOES AND DOMESTICS.
A FULL LINE OF CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES,

☞ FOR MEN AND BOYS' WEAR. ☜

Please call and examine our stock and price before purchasing.

QUICK SALES & SMALL PROFITS.

DO NOT FORGET THE NUMBER,

207 MARKET STREET, Wilmington, Del.

ANDREW E. CROW & CO.

January 25—1y

ODESSA NURSERIES.

THE Proprietors offer for Sale, for Fall planting of 1868 or Spring of 1869,

70,000 Peach Trees

of the leading

Market and Family Varieties.

200,000 SMALL FRUIT PLANTS

consisting of the following varieties:

STRAWBERRIES,
RASPBERRIES,
BLACKBERRIES,
GOOSEBERRIES,
CURRANTS, AND GRAPE VINES.
ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

300,000 OSAGE ORANGE QUICKS.

One and Two Years Old.

ALSO

EARLY ROSE, HARRISON, AND
EARLY GOODRICH POTATOES.

Apply to POLK & HYATT,
Sept. 26, 1868. Or to WM. B. CROFT.
Odessa, Del.

DR. J. J. VANDERFORD,

Graduate of the Pennsylvania College of DENTAL SURGERY,

HAVING located in Middletown, Del. respectfully announces to the public that he is prepared to perform all operations pertaining to the practice of

DENTISTRY.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH Mounted on Dental Vulcanite, a material superior to metals in its adaptability and durability.

Persons having badly adjusted gold plates can have them exchanged for the Vulcanite.

Great care will be given to Children's Teeth; irregularties corrected, and deciduous teeth preserved until the permanent ones make their appearance.

☞ A superior Dentifrice constantly on hand
Office seven doors east of the Bank.
January 4, 1868—1y

WOODSIDE

Small Fruit Nursery.

STRAWBERRIES,
RASPBERRIES,
BLACKBERRIES,
CURRANTS AND
OSAGE ORANGE PLANTS.

ALSO

EARLY ROSE, AND
HARRISON POTATOES.

Circulars containinng prices can be had by applying to HENRY CLAYTON,
Sept. 5—3m. Mount Pleasant, Del

LOOK AT THIS!!

THE Undersigned loaned his Overcoat to some gentleman last Spring, and it has not been returned. As the weather is growing too cold to dispense with this outer garment, the gentleman having it in his possession will please return it to, and receive the thanks of L. R. DAVIS,
Nov. 28—tf Middletown, Del

GRANVILLE WORRELL,

220 AND 222 MARKET STREET,

Wilmington, Del.

AMERICAN, ENGLISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH

DRY GOODS.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN

CARPETS and Oil Cloths.

CHINA AND CALCUTTA

MATTINGS, MATS, RUGS, &c. &c.

WE are prepared to fill orders for Churches, Hotels, Private Dwellings and Public Building, furnishing them complete, including Sheets, Blankets, Counterpanes, Towels, Curtains, Cornices, Stair Rods, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Damasks, &c. Orders will be taken and estimates furnished of the whole cost, with articles furnished or otherwise, as parties commencing housekeeping may prefer.

We cannot enumerate even leading departments, owing to the extent of our business, but have a full assortment of various lines in

DRESS FABRICS,
MOURNINGS,
WHITE GOODS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HOSIERY,
FLANNELS, &c. &c. &c.

Our long experience, combined with our intimate and extensive acquaintance with the largest and best Importing and Domestic Houses of this country give us, we believe, advantages shared by no other house to the same extent in Delaware, and we wish distinctly to state that we are prepared to sell *always as low or lower than Philadelphia Merchants.*

THE MOTTO OF THE HOUSE
CHEAP, PROMPT AND RELIABLE.
March 7, 1068—1y

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE.

S. W. ROBERTS,

TAKES pleasure in announcing to his friends of Middletown and surrounding country, that the liberal patronge he has received has induced him to offer to the public the greatest variety, and best selected stock of Stoves, both Cooking and Heating, ever offered in Middletown, and at prices that cannot fail to please. Among the assortment are the following

COOK STOVES.

NIAGARA, NOBLE COOK, MONITOR
CORAL COOK, WM. PENN, LEHIGH,
and others made in the city.

PARLOR STOVES.

BRILLIANT, DEW DROP,
GAS BURNING BASE, UNION AIR TIGHT,
GEM, OUR PARLOR.
Also, SEXTON'S PARLOR HEATERS.

Stoves of all kinds suitable for Stores, Offices, Bar-rooms, and School Houses.

Also, the Morning Glory and the Oriental, both unsurpassed in beauty and efficiency. They can be seen in operation at the store of the proprietor.

All sizes of Bar-room Stoves and Ten-plate Stoves repaired at short notice.

Old Stoves taken in exchange.

☞ TIN WARE at wholesale and retail. ☜

As I have practical workmen employed, I think I can give satisfaction to all who favor me with their work. Particular attention paid to Roofing and Spouting.

S. W. ROBERTS.
Middletown, January 4, 1868—1y

Marble Hall, the Great Popular Clothing House.

BOYS' JACKETS, COATS and PANTS, Men's Fine Cloth Coats, Men's Sack Coats, Men's English Walking Coats, Men's French Sack Coats, Men's Black Pants, Men's Fancy Pants. We have

THE BEST AND FINEST STOCK OF

Men's & Boy's Clothing in the City

together with a superior stock of

Piece Goods for Custom Work,

at less than gold rates.

Persons visiting the city, who may be in want of anything in the Clothing line, should not fail to visit

SMITH, BRO'S. & CO.,
☞ *Marble Hall Clothing House,* ☜
40 West Baltimore Street.
BALTIMORE, MD.
Jan 4—1y

BLACKSMITHING AND Wheelwrighting.

THE undersigned have commenced the above business in Middletown, corner of Main and Anderson streets, and solicit a share of the public patronage. They flatter themselves that their work cannot be surpassed. The Blacksmithing will be conducted by John C. Vandenbraak, and the Wheelrighting department by J. Leauby.

Wagon, Plow and all kinds of country work and Coach Smithing, done to order.

☞ Repairing neatly and promptly attended to. Special attention given to the repairing.

All work warranted to give perfect satisfaction.
JOHN C. VANDENBRAAK,
LEAUBY & LEE.
April 11th, 1868—tf.

ATTEND TO YOUR TEETH.

FEW persons are properly impressed with the importance of giving early attention to decaying teeth. The health is often affected by them, to say nothing of the inconvenience and suffering, which they produce. It is important to have all caries promptly arrested. If treated in time most teeth may be preserved.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain,

by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas, a harmless and pleasant anesthetic.

J. J. VANDERFORD, D. D. S.
May 9-tf Middletown, Del.

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE, Middletown, Delaware.

THE undersigned takes this method of notifying the Public that he has opened a

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE

In Middletown, Delaware, opposite Walker's Hotel, where he has on hand a large and varied assortment of Wines and Liquors, in bottles and casks, which he offers on advantageous terms to purchasers at wholesale or retail.

☞ Also, a fine stock of choice TOBACCO AND CIGARS. THOMAS MURRAY.
Nov. 21—tf

James H. Frazer, M. D.

GLASGOW, DEL.

OFFERS his professional services to the public. Office at the residence of R. M. Black Esq.
Jan. 4—y.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS,

Cash Buyers Look to your Interest.

S. R. STEPHENS & Co.

HAVING opened their New Cash Store, in Middletown, Del. are now prepared to offer to the Public a large and well selected Stock of

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES, &c

They offer a large lot of CARPETS,

VERY LOW FROM AUCTION.

A FINE STOCK OF

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Cloths, Cassimers, and Ready Made Clothing.

HATS AND CAPS,

Dress Goods, Notions,

HARDWARE, &C.

Canned Fruits, Pickles, Sauces,

and all kinds of Goods usually kept in a country store.

Having purchased our entire stock for cash, we are prepared to sell at city prices for cash or country produce.

Buyers would do well to give us a call.

SAML. R. STEPHENS & Co.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
July 4—1y.

TO THE FARMING COMMUNITY.

THE subscriber respectfully calls the attention of the Farmers of New Castle co. Del. and Cecil and Kent counties, Md. to the following list of standard Fertilizers, always kept on hand, and furnished to order, at any station on the Delaware Railroad, or on Chesapeake and Delaware Waters.—Viz:

RHODES' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
Moro Phillips' Super Phosphate,
Whann's Super Phosphate,
Croasdale's Super Phosphate,
HEWES' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
COE'S SUPER PHOSPHATE,
Berger and Butz' Super Phosphate,
BAUGH'S SUPER PHOSPHATE,
BAUGH'S CHICAGO BONE,
PERUVIAN GUANO,
PACIFIC GUANO,
RODUNDA GUANO.

E. T. EVANS,
Opposite Depot, Middletown, Del.
July 18—tf

BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY

HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST,

PHILADELPHIA.

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash,

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each,
DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.
SOLE AGENTS,
39 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,
PHILADELPHIA.
For sale by WM. REYNOLDS,
79 South Street,
BALTIMORE, MD.
Also by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
And by dealers generally throughout the country. July 18, '68.

TIMELY HINTS TO ALL

HOW many have lost a father, mother, brother, sister, or an innocent little prattling child, and have not even a shadow of resemblance to look upon. After the separation some little toy or a trifling article is often kept for years, and cherished as a token of remembrance. How much more esteemed and valuable would be one of HORNING'S Perfect Photographs, of the loved and lost. There is scarcely any one who does not take pleasure in gazing on the features of a friend, and when that friend has been removed by death, we often hear the exclamation with an expression of regret; O! what would I not give for such a picture of my friend.

Readers, perhaps you cannot do a better thing now your mind is upon the subject, then take an hour or two and visit Horning's Gallery, then you may, at some future period, have reason to feel grateful for these gentle hints from

JOHN M. HORNING,
Middletown, Del.

The best memento that you can supply,
Or leave a valued friend when you die,
Is the life-speaking picture taken in health,
Far better than all of earth's fading wealth.

July 11-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS!!

ALL who wish a correct Likeness of themselves or family should embrace this opportunity and call at

Horning's Photograph Gallery,

MAIN STEET, MIDDLETOWN DEL.

One door west of Roberts' Stove Store, where they can get Lifelike Pictures at short notice and on reasonable terms. Also a fine assortment of Picture Frames, of all kinds, large and small, plain and ornamental, at reduced prices.

EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS FOR ONE DOLLAR.

☞ Call early as he expects to leave soon. ☜
Dec. 12—tf.

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,

Main Street, nearly opposite Walker's Hotel,

Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and promptly repiared.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt, Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.
Dec. 12—tf.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, Del. December, 7th, 1868.

THERE will be an Election held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, the 12th of January next, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, M. for the purpose of electing Nine Directors to serve during the ensuing year. J. R. HALL.
Dec. 12—2t Cashier.

NEW GOODS

AT

REDUCED PRICES.

NAUDAIN & BROTHER,

are opening a fresh stock of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS,

PURCHASED since the fall in many kinds of the same. Being bought for Cash, and from first hands, principally—hence we avoid the second profit of the jobber and intend giving the advantage to our liberal friends.

Our stock consists of Merinoes, blk. col'd Alpacas, Wool Poplins, Wool de. Laines. Good assortment of Prints, Cotton and Wool Flannels, 1, 1¼, 2, 2¼ Bleach'd and Bro. Muslin, Balmoral Skirts, Shawls and Hoods, Ladies Vests, Gents Knit Shirts and Drawers, White and Col'd Blankets,

HATS AND CAPS, DRUGGETS,
CARPET AND OIL CLOTHS,
Painted Window Shades,
GLOVES, HOSIERIES, AND
FANCY GOODS.

In fact, anything kept in a first class country store.

We call particular attention to our fine stock of

Over-Coatings, Cloths & Cassimeres,

which we make a Speciality.

Receiving from the Manufacturers, Ladies' Misses, and Children's Shoes, Gents sewed and pegged, double upper and sole, Calf Boots, Men's heavy, winter Boots & Shoes, that we have made of the best material; and guarantee satisfaction.

MACKEREL, SHAD, AND HERRING
Always on Hand.

THOMPSONS' GLOVEFITTING CORSETS
GENTS ARCTIC OVERSHOES,
MENS BUCK GAUNTLETTS,
GLOVES, MITTS.

A Stock of Dried Fruit Consisting of

LAYER RAISINS,
NEW DRIED CURRANTS,
NEW DRIED CITRON,
DRIED APPLES.

Also an extra article of

Buckwheat Flour.

Liberal discount for cash, and show Goods with pleasure.

NAUDAIN & BRO.
Dec. 12—1y Middletown.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

AT

D. L. DUNNING'S

VARIETY STORE,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE,

Consisting in part of

Books, of every description,
Photograph Albums,
Work Boxes, Fancy Boxes,
Writing Desks, Ladies' Satchels, Pocket Books, Port Folios, Purses,
Portmonaies, Segar Cases, Picture Frames, Back Gammon Boards, and Games of all kinds.
Pocket Knives, Scissors, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Breast Pins, Finger Rings, Neck Ties, Meerchaum Pipes, Paper Collars, Perfumery, &c.

Dec. 12—tf

WM. N. BRICE,

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANT AND PRODUCE DEALER,

No. 18, Central Market, Delaware Avenue, above Race Street.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PARTICULAR attention paid to the sale of GRAIN and LIVE STOCK. All orders promptly attended to. Consignments respectfully solicited.

REFERENCES.

Hon. D. C. Blackiston, Kent Co, Md.
Franklin Dyre, Esq. " "
W. A. Brice, Esq. " "
Wm. Lockwood, Cecil Co. "
J. G. Griffith, " "
F. T. Perry, Odessa, Del.
Harry Clayton, Middletown, "
Dec. 5, 1868—1y

HARNESS MAKING.

THE undersigned having commenced Harness making at

ODESSA, DEL.

Is prepared to furnish every article in his line on the most reasonable terms.

His experience in city and country justifies his promise that

ALL HIS WORK WILL BE OF THE

☞ *BEST QUALITY.* ☜

And gives him confidence to solicit a share of the public patronage.

☞ His Shop is on Main street, in the house formerly occupied by Joseph Tawresy.

WM. T. GALLAHER.
April 25—tf.

JOHN FULLMER,

Manufacturer of and Dealer in

BOOTS AND SHOES,

No. 408 Market Street,

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

☞ Particular Attention Paid to Custom Work
Oct. 17—tf

Middletown Carriage Works.

ESTABLISHED IN 1830.

J. M. COX & BRO., Proprietors.

WE keep constantly on hand and manufacture to order Carriages of the latest styles and finished in the best manner, as we employ bone but first-class workmen and use only the best material.

☞ Repairing executed with neatness and despatch.
All work warranted. Jan 4—tf

Farmers, Look to Your Interests.

A. T. BRADLEY,

At the Depot in Middletown

WILL pay the highest market price for Grain. He will supply Wright's and Rambo's Lime for Farm purposes. Also, Clover and Timothy Seed.

☞ Special care will be given to shipping of grain when entrusted with it by parties shipping on their own responsibility. No money advanced on grain before delivery.
Dec. 5—6m.

Carriage and Harness For Sale.

FOR SALE CHEAP, A LATE STYLE YORK CARRIAGE AND HARNESS, NEARLY NEW. Apply at this Office.
Dec 5—tf

LUMBER. LUMBER.

THE subscribers offer to the citizens of Middletown and surrounding country their thanks for the very liberal patronage they have received and embrace this medium in announcing to all builders and contractors and those in want o Lumber, that they are prepared to supply them on the most liberal terms. We have reduced our price, as the market has demanded, and we think that they will compare with the city prices. Our stock is very large, embracing a full assortment of

SPRUCE,
HEMLOCK,
AND OAK FRAMING STUFF,
ALL SIZES.
WHITE PINE BOARDS,
HEMLOCK "
OAK PLANK,
WHITE PINE DO.
WHITE PINE SIDING.
YELLOW PINE FLOORING
HEMLOCK "
PLASTERING LATHES.
SPRUCE AND CYPRESS SHINGLES
PLAIN AND FANCY PICKETING.
SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.
Building Hardware.
☞ NAILS AND SPECIALITIES. ☜

BRICKS,
CALCINE PLASTER, LIME & HAIR

HEWES' PHOSPHATE.

PAINTS, OIL, TURPENTINE,
VARNISH, DRY JAPAN, GLASS.

J. B. FENIMORE & CO.,

On the Railroad, above the National Hotel.
January 25—tf

MANSION HOUSE HOTEL,

North West Corner Fayette & St. Paul Sts.

OPPOSITE BARNUM'S CITY HOTEL,
BALTIMORE.

Isaac Alberston ..... Proprietor.

☞ This is one of the most pleasant and cen ral locations in the city.
January 4, 1868—1y

JOB PRINTING.

Having received a large supply of new and beautiful type, we are prepared to do Job Work of every description, from the finest and most delicate card, to the largest and most showy poter

ORDERS FOR
CARDS, CIRCULARS,
BLANKS,
DEEDS, MORTGAGES,
FUNERAL NOTICES,
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BANK CHECKS,
PROMISSORY NOTES, BILL-HEADS
ENVELOPES,
PAMPHLETS, HANDBILLS,
POSTERS,
HORSE BILLS, &c. &c.

will be promptly attended to, at moderate rates

☞ Printing done in GOLD, BRONZE, and all kinds of FANCY COLORS.

SEND YOUR ORDERS TO

The Transcript Office,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
Jan 25—tf

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

A First Class Boarding and DAY SCHOOL,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

WARREN I. HICKS, A. B.
HUDSON A. WOOD, A. B. } PRINCIPALS,
assisted by
Mrs. GENIE H. HICKS and Mrs. MARY WOOD.

FALL Term begins October 5th and ends December 24th.

WINTER Term begins January 4th and ends March 26th.

SPRING Term begins April 5th and ends June 25th.

Tuition per Quarter of 12 weeks, payable at the middle of each Term:

Small Scholars in First Lessons	$ 5 00.
Primary Department	8 00:
Academical Department	11 00:
Classical Department	15 00:
Instrumental Music	12 00.
Vocal Music	2 00:
Use of Piano	2 00:
German and French (each extra)	2 00:
Tuition per annum, including board, wood, lights, and washing	220 00.
The same per Term	75 00:

Students charged from the time of entering.

For further particulars address the Principals for Circular, Middletown, Del. Oct. 3—tf

DOBBINS' ELECTRIC BOOT POLISH

MAKES A LASTING SHINE.

THOSE who black their boots on Saturday night with ordinary blacking, don't have much shine on Sunday, as the polish fades off but the shine of

Dobbins' Blacking

Lasts Saturday night and all day Sunday.

It Beats any other Blacking made.

Manufactured only by J. B. DOBBINS, at his immense Soap and Blacking Works, Sixth Street and Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

For sale by
JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS.
Nov. 28—3m Middletown, Del.

GO TO DEAKYNE'S

FOR everything that is nice, in the way of fresh family Loaf Bread, Fancy Cakes, superior Confectionery. Ice Cream, &c. Parties supplied with Cake, Confectionery, Ice Cream &c. to order, at shortest notice. Go to Deakyne's for everything that is nice.

J. B. DEAKYNE,
August 8—5m. Middletown, Del.

A CARD.

L. R. DAVIS, having been appointed Justice of the Peace, will give his attention to drawing Bonds, Deeds, and other legal instruments. Office in Middletown
Nov. 28—tf

Select Poetry.

THE FOOTPRINTS OF DECAY.

FROM THE SPANISH.

Oh! let the soul its slumbers break—
Arouse its senses and awake
To see how soon
Life, in its glories, glides away,
And the stern footsteps of decay
Come stealing on.

And while we view the rolling tide,
Down which our flowing minutes glide
Away so fast,
Let us the present hour employ,
And dream each future dream a joy
Already past.

Let no vain hope deceive the mind,
No happier let us hope to find
To-morrow than to-day;
Our golden dreams of yore were bright,
Like them the present shall delight—
Like them decay.

Our lives like hastening streams must be
That into one engulfing sea
Are doomed to fall—
The sea of death whose waves roll on,
O'er king and kingdom, crown and throne,
And swallow all.

Alike the river's lordly tide,
Alike the humble rivulets glide,
To that sad wave!
Death levels poverty and pride,
And rich and poor lie side by side,
Within the grave.

Our birth is but a starting place;
From which to run life's devious race,
And death the goal;
There all our glittering toys are brought—
That path alone, of all unsought,
Is found of all.

See, then, how poor and little worth
Are all those glittering toys of earth
That lure us here;
Dreams of a sleep that death must break;
Alas! before it bids us wake,
We disappear.

Long ere the damp of death can blight
The cheek's pure glow of red and white
Has passed away;
Youth smiled and all was fair—
Age came, and laid his finger there,
And where are they?

Where is the strength that spurned decay,
The step that roved so light and gay!
The heart's blithe tone?
The strength is gone the step is slow,
And joy grows wearisome, and woe!
When age comes on!

Written for the Middletown Transcript

Sunday Musings.

Riding to church this morning I notice the signs of Winter's near approach. The leafless trees and "bare brown fields"—the grass, in sheltered places, yet retains its summer hue and contrasts finely with the red and purple leaves of the vines that have crept among it. The rough old fences are gay with the crimson banners of many a tangled creeper. Heaped up against the hedges, by the winds, are the dried skeletons of grasses; looking, in the morning sunlight, like soft silvery wreathes of mist that might at any moment rise and disappear.

The church is warm, and well lighted by the brightness without. The golden sunshine, streaming in through an open blind, falls across the floor, causing the bright hues of the carpet to cast a rosy glow on the marble table with its snowy cloth and silver communion service, and the crimson velvet cushion behind which stands the minister of God. Many listeners, young and old, homely and fair. The gray-haired sire and mature matron, with steady upturned gaze, and drinking in the "Word of Life;" or, with a far-away absorbed look that denotes a mind filled, even here, with "the cares of this world." There sits the maiden who is just crossing the mystic threshold of womanhood. The consciousness of life's growing importance has given a force to the step, a curve to the mouth, a glow to the cheek, a new light to the eyes, all unknown before. Oh, sister, woman, pray that the bright future may, for you, never be dimmed by sorrow or suffering!

Young girls, with faces bright with the rosy glow of happy youth. The restless, roving glances, the flutter of ribbons and curls, show them anxious to be relieved from restraint.

A little dog has strayed in; and by his frolicsome ways excites their mirth. Now he passes into the pulpit, and stands there wagging his tail and gazing into the preacher's face with a look of silent wonder in his wide eyes, as if he queried within himself what all this could mean: then, as if conscious that all was right, stretched himself sleepily at the feet of his mistress.

What a study of human nature is here all about me. Yonder is a face full of force and intelligence—clearly cut features, a resolute mouth, large blue eyes, and an abundance of rich auburn hair. She, too, seems to be studying human nature, for her glance wanders from one to another of those around her.

Close beside me is a beautiful girl, and she seems fully conscious of it. The delicate complexion, full red lips, sweeping lashes, and the attractive toilet, make a pretty picture to gaze upon; but there is no character in that face. It is not one that would make home happy after time had dimmed the clearness of the snowy skin, and stolen the rose from the cheek. In *these* does she take most pleasure, and when they have faded her enjoyment in life will have fled with them.

What saddens this one's heart that her eye is downcast, and her cheek so pale? Ah, grieving one, learn

"What pang is permanent with man? From the highest
As from the vilest thing of every day
He learns to wean himself, for the strong hours
Conquer him.

Now let the gaze wander out of that open window. The blue sky is shadowed by not a single cloud, and the water reflects the heavenly hue, and sparkles in the genial sunshine. Those branches are bare of foliage, but there is something beautiful in their sturdy strength so plainly revealed. How clearly are their forms defined against the wintry sky!

Hush! rise and receive the parting blessing, as solemnly and slowly it comes from the speaker's lips at the sacred desk.

REVERIE.

Summit Bridge, Dec. 1868.

"We know a girl," says some one, "so industrious that when she has nothing else to do she sits and knits her brow."

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS
AND
Hoofland's German Tonic

The Great Remedies for all Diseases of the *LIVER, STOMACH, OR DIGESTIVE ORGANS.*

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS

Is composed of the pure juices (or, as they are medicinally termed *Extracts*) of Roots, Herbs, and Barks, making a preparation, highly concentrated, and entirely *free from all alcoholic admixture of any kind.*

Hoofland's German Tonic

Is a combination of all the ingredients of the Bitters, with the purest quality of *Santa Cruz Rum*, Orange, &c. making one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.

Those preferring a Medicine free from Alcoholic admixture, will use

Hoofland's German Bitters.

Those who have no objection to the combination of the Bitters, as stated, will use

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC

They are both equally good, and contain the same medicinal viitues, the choice between the two being a mere matter of taste, the Tonic being the most palatable.

The stomach, from a variety of causes such as Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, etc. is very apt to have its functions deranged. The Liver, sympathizing as closely as it does with the Stomach, then becomes affected, the result of which is the patient suffers from several or more of the following diseases:

Constipation, Flatulence, Inward Piles, Fulness of Blood to the Head, Acidity of the Stomach, Nausea, Heartburn, Disgust for Food, Fulness or Weight in the Stomach, Sour Eructations, Sinking or Fluttering at the Pit of the Stomach, Swimming of the Head, Hurried or Difficult Breathing, Fluttering at the Heart, Choking or Suffocating Sensations when in a Lying Posture, Dimness of Vision, Dots or Webs before the Sight, Dull Pain in the Head, Deficiency of Perspiration. Yellowness of the Skin and Eyes, Pain in the Side, Back, Chest, Limbs etc. Sudden Flushes of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Constant Imaginings of Evil, and Great Depression of Spirits.

The sufferer from these diseases should exercise the greatest caution in the selection of a remedy for his case, purchasing only that which he is assured from his investigations and inquiries, possesses true merit, is skilfully compounded, is free from injurious ingredients, and has established for itself a reputation for the cure of these diseases. In this connection we would submit those well-known remedies—

Hoofland's German Bitters,
AND
Hoofland's German Tonic

PREPARED BY DR. C. M. JACKSON,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Thirty-five years since they were first introduced into this country from Germany, during which time they have undoubtedly performed more cures, and benefited suffering humanity to a greater extent than any other remedies known to the public.

These remedies will effectually cure Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Chronic or Nervous Debility, Chronic Diarrhœa, Diseases of the Kidneys, and all Diseases arising from a disordered Liver' Stomach or Intestines.

DEBILITY.

Resulting from any cause whatever; prostration of the system, induced by severe labor, hardships, exposure, fevers &c.

There is no medicine extant equal to these remedies in such cases. A tone and vigor is imparted to the whole system, the appetite is strengthened, food is enjoyed, the stomach digests properly, the blood is purified, the complexion becomes sound and healthy, the yellow tinge is eradicated from the eyes, a bloom is given to the checks, and the weak and nervous invalid becomes a strong and healthy being.

Persons advanced in life and feeling the hand of time weighing heavily upon them, with all its attendant ills, will find in the use of this Bitters, or the Tonic, an elixir that will instill new life into their veins, restore in a measure the energy and ardor of more youthful days, build up their shrunken forms, and give health and happiness to their remaining years.

NOTICE.

It is a well established fact that fully one-half of the female portion of our population are seldom in the enjoyment of good health, or, to use their own expression, "never feel well." They are languid, devoid of all energy, extremely nervous, and have no appetite.

To this class of persons the Bitters, or the Tonic is especially recommended.

WEAK AND DELICATE CHILDREN

Are made strong by the use of either of these remedies. They will cure every case of Marasmus without fail.

TESTIMONIALS.

Hon. Geo. W. Woodward,

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pa. writes:

Philadelphia, March 16, 1867.

"I find Hoofland's German Bitters is a good tonic, useful in the diseases of the digestive organs, and of great benefit in cases of debility, and want of nervous action in the system.

Yours, truly, GEO. W. WOODWARD."

Hon. James Thompson,

Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, April 28, 1866.

I consider "Hoofland's German Bitters" a *valuable medicine* in case of attacks of Indigestion or Dyspepsia. I can certify this from my experience of it. Yours, with respect,

JAMES THOMPSON.

From Rev, J. H. Kennard, D. D.

Pastor of the Tenth Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Dr. Jackson,—Dear Sir: I have been frequently requested to connect my name with recommendations of different kinds of medicines, but regarding the practice as out of my appropriate sphere, I have in all cases declined; but with a clear proof in various instances, and particularly in my own family, of the use of Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, I depart for once from my usual course, to express my full conviction that, *for general debility of the system, and especially for Liver Complaint, it is a safe and valuable preparation.* In some cases it may fail; but usually, I doubt not, it will be very beneficial to those who suffer from the above causes.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. H. KENNARD,
Eighth, below Coates St.

From Rev. E. D. Fendall,

Assistant Editor, Christian Chronicle, Philada.

I have derived decided benefit from the use o Hoofland's German Bitters, and feel it my privilege to recommend them as a most valuable tonic, to all who are suffering from general debility, or from diseases arising from derangement of the liver. Yours, truly,

E. D. FENDALL.

CAUTION.—See that the signature of C. M Jackson is on the wrapper of each bottle. All others are counterfeit.

Principal Office and Manufactory at No. 621 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

CHARLES M. EVANS, Priprietor.

PRICE.—Hoofland's German Bitters, per bottle, $1,00—half dozen, $5.00 Hoofland's German Tonic, put up in quart bottles, $1.50 per bottle, or a half dozen for $7.50

FOR SALE BY ALL

Druggists and Storekeepers, Everywhere.

Aug. 1—1 year.

Delaware Rail Road Line.

Fall Arrangement.

ON and after MONDAY, October 5th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run as follows, until further notice:

ALL TRAINS SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

NORTH.		
Leave Crisfield,		7 00 A. M.
" Marion,		7 40
" Kingston,		8 05
" Westover,		8 30
" Prin. Anne,		9 10
" Eden		9 40
" Forktown		10 00
" Salisbury		10 30
" Delmar		10 45
" Laurel		11 05
" Seaford		11 30
" Bridgeville		11 50
" Greenwood		12 00 M.
" Farmington		12 15 P. M.
" Harrington	7 00 A. M.	12 35
" Felton	7 15	12 50
" Plymouth	7 20	1 00
" Canterbury	7 20	1 00
" Wil. Grove	7 25	1 05
" Camden	7 35	1 15
" Dover	7 50	1 30
" Moorton	8 05	1 45
" Brenford	8 10	1 55
" Smyrna.	8 05	1 50
" Clayton	8 20	2 05
" Sassafras R'd	8 25	2 10
" Blackbird	8 35	2 20
" Townsend	8 40	2 30
" Middleto'n	9 00	2 45
" Mt Pleasant	9 10	2 55
" St Georges	9 25	3 10
" Bear	9 35	3 25
" New Castle	9 55	3 45
Arrive Wilm.	10 15	4 05
" Philad'a	11 45 A. M.	5 40 P.M.
" Baltimore	1 15 P. M.	8 10 "

SOUTH.		
Leave Philad'a	8 30 A. M.	5 00 P. M.
" Baltimore	7 25	2 25
" Wilm	10 10	6 25
" New Castle	10 30	6 45
" Bear	10 50	7 00
" St Georges	11 00	7 15
" Mt Pleasant	11 15	7 30
" Middletown,	11 35	7 50
" Townsend	11 45	8 00
" Blackbird	11 50	8 05
" Sassafras	12 00 M.	8 15
" Clayton	12 05 P. M.	8 20
Arrive Smyrna	12 15	8 30
Leave Brenford	12 10	8 25
" Moorton	12 20	8 35
" Dover	12 40	8 55
" Camden	12 50	9 05
" Wil. Grove	1 05	9 15
" Canterbury	1 10	9 20
" Plymouth	1 10	9 20
" Felton	1 20	9 30
" Harrington	1 40	9 45 P. M.
" Farmington	1 55	
" Greenwood	2 05	
" Bridgeville	2 15	
" Seaford	2 35	
" Laurel	2 55	
" Delmar	3 10	
" Salisbury	3 45	
" Forktown	4 10	
" Eden	4 30	
" Prin. Anne	5 15	
" Westover	5 40	
" Kingston	6 00	
" Marion	6 20	
Arrive Crisfield	6 45 P. M.	

Also, Freight Trains with Passenger Car attached, will leave Wilmington about 4 00 A. M. New Castle, 4 50, Middletown, 6 40, Clayton, 7 30, Dover, 8 50, Camden, 9 10, Felton, 10 05, and be due at Harrington about 10 30 A. M. Returning, to leave Harrington about 3 20 P. M. Felton, 4 00 Camden, 5 05, Dover, 5 35, Moorton, 5 55, Clayton, 6 25, Middletown, 7 40, New Castle, 9 20, and be due at Wilmington, about 9 50 P. M. Subject to delays incident to Freight Business. This train will stop to take up Passengers only at Stations named, but will set down Passengers at any stopping place, except Hare's Corner, State Road, Del. Junction and Dupont.

NEW CASTLE TRAINS.—Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 7 40 A. M.—Leave Philadelphia 11 45 A. M., and Wilmington 1 00 P. M. for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.—Additional to those above leave Smyrna for Clayton 11 45 A. M. and 8 10 P. M. Leave Clayton for Smyrna, 8 40 A. M. and 2.10 P. M. to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations South.

Steamboat Trains heretofore run are withdrawn. A Boat will, however, leave Crisfield for Norfolk, in connection with Local Train, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings.

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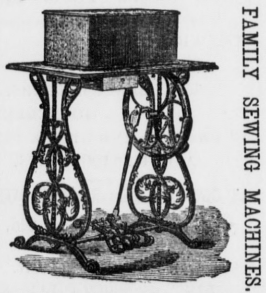

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No. 5. Extra Half Case, " with Work Box. Hemmer and Feller,	68
No. 6. Walnut Half Case, (oiled,) with Fancy Work Box, Hemmer and Feller,	70
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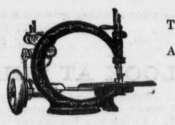

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AT
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JUST received a splendid line of Fall Goods, and for sale at STRATTON'S STORE, in ODESSA.

Look at the Prices.

Appleton "A" Muslin, the best unbleached in the market, full yard wide at 17 cents.

Waltham unbleached double fold full 1¼ yards wide at 17½ cts. at C. T. STRATTON'S.

Augusta Muslin, very heavy, 1 yard wide, 16 C. T. STRATTON'S.

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Large lot of good Prints, selling off at 10 and 11 cts per yard, at C. T. STRATTON'S.

Pacific Delaines and Armure, selling at 20 and 22 cents per yard at C. T. STRATON'S.

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Heavy Kersey, made in Delaware, for 85 cents per yard, at C. T. STRATTON'S.

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Good Jeans and Farmers Cas. for boys' wear at 20, 25, and 30 cents per yard. at C. T. STRATTON'S.

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White Sugar,	16 cts. per lb.
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At Jobbers prices, as we get them from the manufacturer. Call and examine and be convinced.

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No. 1 A farm situated on the road from Sudlersville to Church Hill, and within two miles of the latter place, containing 160 ACRES, nearly all arable. This farm is well located, being near a public School, a Church, and good Flouring Mill, and is a very desirable property, the land being high and susceptible of the highest improvement, at small expense.

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No. 3 Is within two and a half miles of Sudlersville, and lying immediately on a public road and contains about 280 ACRES, and would divide to advantage if desirable into two farms.

All three farms have buildings and are now occupied, and being cultivated.

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Always on hand.

He solicits a share of the public patronage.
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HORSES AND CARRIAGES for hire at the Stables of L. R. Davis' Middletown Hotel. The horses are safe, and careful drivers will be provided when desired. Terms moderate. Apply to THOS. MURRAY.
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